



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Regarding: Review of Executive Appointments
Date: May 18, 2022

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

TRIMET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Governor has reappointed the following individuals to the TriMet Board of Directors, subject to Senate confirmation:¹

Reappointment

Keith Edwards of Portland
Ozzie Gonzalez of Portland
Kathy Wai of Happy Valley

Term

05-25-2022 – 05-24-2026
06-01-2022 – 05-31-2026
05-25-2022 – 05-24-2026

Statutory Authority

[ORS 267.090 \(2021\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The board consists of one member each from seven subdistricts of as nearly equal population as possible based on the most recent federal census (BAUMAN, **EDWARDS**, **GONZALEZ**, KIM, LEWIS, SIMMONS and **WAI**). A person who regularly uses mass transit services must be included and members must also reside in the subdistrict from which they are appointed.

Members serve four-year terms until the appointment of a successor and are eligible for reappointment. Nominees are received in advance of appointments from subdistricts that concern populations exceeding 400,000. Each appointee affirms their honest, faithful and impartial performance of duties, and discloses conflicts of interest prior to assuming office.

¹ [Or. Const. art. III, §4](#); [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2021\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 267.090, 267.097 and 267.120 \(2021\)](#); and see [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

The board chooses its president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary to serve in those capacities for two years and holds regular monthly meetings.

Duties⁴

Mass Transit Districts are municipal corporations of the state. The governing body of the most populous city in a statistical metropolitan area may propose the creation of a mass transit district if it finds that mass transit needs cannot be met by local operations. When a mass transit district is formed, the Governor appoints members of its board of directors. At a minimum, the territorial boundaries of a mass transit district include the area within the urban growth boundary of the city that proposed the creation of the district.

The TriMet Board of Directors sets agency policy, enacts taxing and policy ordinances, and reviews certain contracts. The board must:

- only use alternative fuel vehicles the extent possible, and report annually to the Department of Environmental Quality and the State Department of Energy;
- appoint a general manager to administer district operations and enforce ordinances adopted by the board;
- determine the territory in the district annually within which the transit system of the district will operate; and
- prepare and revise a general plan for mass transit operation.

The board may:

- enact public safety ordinances and appoint enforcement officers;
- provide for the conduct of public hearings on proposed changes in transit routes and schedules;
- delegate specified duties to administrative officers;
- call an election for the purpose of referring an ordinance to the electors;
- classify and designate qualifying service areas within the district and alter district boundaries; and
- finance a mass transit system using certain methods such as levying taxes, imposing user charges, or issuing general obligation bonds.

⁴ [ORS 267.030 to 267.430 \(2021\)](#); and TriMet, *Board of Directors* <<https://trimet.org/about/board.htm>> (last visited May 11, 2022).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Tri-Met Board

Agency: Transportation
Authorization: ORS 267.090
Members: Min: 7 Max: 7
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Transportation

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Lori I Bauman District 4	Position Number: 5
Term(s): 06-01-2019 - 05-31-2023 06-01-2015 - 05-31-2019	

Keith Edwards District 5	Position Number: 2
Term(s): 05-25-2022 - 05-24-2026 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2022	

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Term(s): 05-25-2022 - 05-24-2026 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2022	

Ozzie Gonzalez District 2	Position Number: 1
Term(s): 06-01-2022 - 05-31-2026 06-01-2018 - 05-31-2022	

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Term(s): 06-01-2022 - 05-31-2026 06-01-2018 - 05-31-2022	

Thomas Kim District 1	Position Number: 3
Term(s): 07-01-2021 - 06-30-2025	

LaVerne Lewis District 6	Position Number: 4
Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 02-28-2025	

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Policy Area: Transportation

Linda C Simmons, EdD District 3 Term(s): 06-01-2019 - 05-31-2023 12-19-2016 - 05-31-2019	Position Number: 7
Kathy Wai District 7 Term(s): 05-25-2022 - 05-24-2026 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2022	Position Number: 6
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