



# MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate  
Regarding: Review of Executive Appointments  
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## STATE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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The Governor has appointed the following individual to the State Parks and Recreation Commission, subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointee

Ashley Schahfer of Bend

### Term

06-10-2022 – 06-09-2026

### Statutory Authority

[ORS 390.114 \(2021\)](#).

### Statement of Economic Interest<sup>2</sup>

Not required.

### Composition<sup>3</sup>

The commission is comprised of seven members:

- one from each of Oregon's five congressional districts (ALLEN (CD1), GRASTY (CD2), BLASHER (CD3), HILL (CD4) and BERGER (CD5));
- one who resides west of the summit of the Coast Mountain Range (DEUR); and
- one who resides east of the summit of the Cascade Mountain Range (DAWSON).

Members serve four-year terms at the pleasure of the Governor and are eligible for reappointment. The Governor designates a chair, and the members designate other officers. They meet at least once every three months and a majority constitutes a quorum.

### Duties<sup>4</sup>

The commission promotes outdoor recreation and establishes policies for the operation of the State Parks and Recreation Department.

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

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 390.114 to 390.117 \(2021\)](#); and see [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 390.117 to 390.977 \(2021\)](#).

The commission must:

- appoint and guide a State Parks and Recreation director;
- authorize the use of specified funds, gifts, and donations;
- make recommendations regarding administration of the Office of Outdoor Recreation; consult with its director on the appointment of an associate director;
- conduct rulemaking in consultation with the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government and the governing bodies of federally recognized tribes within Oregon's borders, to establish procedures to resolve disputes concerning archaeological sites and historical materials; and
- appoint members to and consult with the All-Terrain Vehicle Advisory Commission and the Oregon Recreational Trails Advisory Council.

The commission may:

- delegate certain functions to the State Parks and Recreation director;
- establish priorities for the acquisition of property and acquire real property or any right or interest in real property necessary for state park development or operations, or to contribute to the public welfare or enjoyment, including acquisitions based on natural, scenic, cultural, historic or recreational value;
- develop and maintain facilities and areas;
- acquire manage and dispose of real or personal property;
- enter into contracts for the betterment of parks or other specified purposes; and
- publish guides and other materials relating to recreational opportunities and other functions of the department.

# Executive Appointments Board Roster

## Parks and Recreation Commission, State

Agency: Parks & Recreation  
Authorization: ORS 390.114  
Members: Min: 7 Max: 7  
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2  
Senate confirmation required? Yes

**Policy Area:** Natural Resources

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### Current Appointments:

#### Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Jennifer H Allen, PhD CD1	Position Number: 6
Term(s): 03-01-2019 - 02-28-2023 06-01-2015 - 02-28-2019	

Victoria J Berger District 5	Position Number: 5
Term(s): 06-01-2021 - 05-31-2025 06-01-2017 - 05-31-2021	

Jonathan T Blasher CD3	Position Number: 7
Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2023 07-01-2015 - 06-30-2019	

Doug Deur, PhD District 1	Position Number: 2
Term(s): 06-01-2021 - 05-31-2025 06-01-2017 - 05-31-2021	

Steven E Grasty District 2	Position Number: 4
Term(s): 06-01-2021 - 05-31-2025 06-01-2017 - 05-31-2021	

Liz Hill District 4	Position Number: 3
Term(s): 06-01-2021 - 05-31-2025	

Ashley Schahfer East of Cascades	Position Number: 1
Term(s): 06-10-2022 - 06-09-2026	