



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Regarding: Review of Executive Appointments
Date: September 21, 2022

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Commission for the Blind, subject to Senate confirmation:¹

New Appointment

Dr. Alan Labrum of Portland

Term

09-28-2022 – 09-30-2023

Statutory Authority

[ORS 346.130 \(2021\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission consists of seven members that include:

- four blind individuals (BABCOCK, BROOME, CARLILE-SMITH and GOODMAN); and
- three individuals from among employers (HUDSON), labor, optometry (**LABRUM**), ophthalmology, and education of persons who are blind (McCALLUM).

No more than one appointee may represent the same area during the same term and appointments should be made from the five areas on a rotating basis. Members serve four-year terms and must be removed from office if absent from three consecutive meetings or more than one-third of the scheduled meetings in one year.

Duties⁴

The commission was created to serve the needs of Oregon's citizens who experience vision loss and need specialized training and support to lead more independent lives. Its duties include:

- establishing and administering programs for the welfare of persons with visual impairments, including cooperation by contract or otherwise with public and private agencies in providing services, programs, and facilities for persons with visual impairments;

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 346.130 \(2021\)](#); and see [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 346.120 to 346.570 \(2021\)](#).

- responsibility for fiscal oversight including development of the commission's budget, review of financial statements, and directing resources to implement program goals;
- employing an administrator and others;
- maintaining a confidential register of persons who are blind, describing the extent and cause, and other information;
- administering a program for the conservation and restoration of sight and the prevention of blindness and a vocational rehabilitation program;
- cooperating with the Department of Human Services in the administration of programs;
- overseeing the administration of vending facilities in public buildings or on public property, including the adoption of rules and recruitment, selection, training, and licensing of persons who are blind as managers of vending facilities; and
- ensuring the active participation of the commission's business enterprise consumer committee in the commission's major administrative, policy and program development decisions that impact the commission's business enterprise program.

The commission may also:

- establish social and educational services;
- enter into agreements for cooperative research, demonstration projects and personnel training programs;
- receive moneys by gift or bequest;
- require fingerprints from persons in order to check criminal history;
- aid a licensed vending facility manager with materials, equipment or machinery, or by allowing the manager to subcontract with a third party to obtain materials, equipment or machinery, in order to enable the operation of a vending facility; and
- negotiate and consummate arrangements for the purchase of such vending facility equipment.

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Blind, Commission for the

Agency: None
Authorization: ORS 346.130, HB 3187
Members: Min: 7 Max: 7
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 3
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Labor/Trades

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Michael A Babcock

Position Number: 5

Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023

Nadeera A Broome

Person Who is Blind

Position Number: 6

Term(s): 03-15-2021 - 06-15-2025

Vivian M Carlile-Smith

Person Who is Blind

Position Number: 7

Term(s): 06-01-2020 - 05-31-2024
06-01-2016 - 05-31-2020

Lillian N Goodman

Person Who is Blind

Position Number: 1

Term(s): 11-17-2021 - 11-16-2025
12-17-2018 - 11-16-2021

Laurel K Hudson

Employer

Position Number: 3

Term(s): 09-26-2020 - 09-24-2024
09-26-2016 - 09-25-2020

Alan Labrum

Optometrist or Ophthalmologist

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 09-30-2023

Scott I McCallum

Educator

Position Number: 4

Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2024
07-01-2016 - 06-30-2020
09-19-2014 - 06-30-2016