



# MEMORANDUM

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

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## LANE TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Lane Transit District Board of Directors, subject to Senate confirmation:<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointments

Lawrence Green of Eugene  
Heather Murphy of Eugene  
Kelly Sutherland of Eugene

### Term

01-01-2023 – 12-31-2026  
01-01-2023 – 12-31-2026  
01-01-2023 – 12-31-2026

### Statutory Authority

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

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

Required.

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

The board consists of seven appointees: one resident each from seven subdistricts, as nearly equal in population as possible based on the latest federal census, and at least one must be a regular user of mass transit system services (subdistrict 1 GRIMALDI, subdistrict 2 WEBBER, subdistrict 3 **MURPHY**, subdistrict 4 **SUTHERLAND**, subdistrict 5 KNOX, subdistrict 6 **GREEN**, and subdistrict 7 COX).

Appointees serve four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. Before nominating an appointee from a district situated in a metropolitan statistical area with a population exceeding 400,000, the Governor must solicit recommendations from qualified individuals in each city and county located wholly or partly within the subdistrict from which the appointment is being made. Appointees must disclose any conflicts and affirm that they will honestly and impartially perform their duties before they assume office.

The board selects its officers for two-year terms by a majority vote, and regular meetings are held monthly.

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

## Duties<sup>4</sup>

The Lane Transit District Board provides policy direction and collaborates with local elected officials on regional transportation planning. Its duties include:

- purchasing or leasing motor vehicles capable of using alternative fuel, to the possible, and reporting annually to the Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Energy on alternative fuel vehicles and alternative fuels used;
- appointing a general manager to manage operations and enforce ordinances;
- making annual determinations concerning the territory in the district within which the transit system will operate;
- maintaining a general plan for mass transit operations;
- enacting ordinances relating to the protection, use and enjoyment of district property and facilities, and appointing peace officers for enforcement;
- calling elections to refer ordinances to district voters;
- designating territory within the district that is benefited by the mass transit system as a service area and amending boundaries to conform to changes in service; and
- financing a mass transit system and related facilities using specified methods that include taxation, user charges, fees and tolls, and issuing general obligation bonds.

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<sup>4</sup> Mass Transit Districts are municipal corporations treated as local governments. The governing body of the most populous city in a metropolitan statistical area may propose creating a mass transit district if it finds that needs cannot be met by local transit operations. Once a mass transit district has been formed, the Governor appoints board members. The territorial boundaries of a mass transit district include, at a minimum, the territory within the urban growth boundary of the city that proposed the creation of the district. [ORS 267.030 to 267.210 \(2021\)](#); Lane Transit District website, <https://www.ltd.org/about-us/> (last visited September 4, 2022).

# Executive Appointments Board Roster

## Lane Transit District 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)**

Susan S Cox Subdistrict 7 Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 12-31-2024	Position Number: 3
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Lawrence Green Subdistrict 6 Term(s): 01-01-2023 - 12-31-2026	Position Number: 4
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Gino C Grimaldi Subdistrict 1 Term(s): 01-01-2022 - 12-31-2025 10-01-2021 - 12-31-2021	Position Number: 5
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Pete Knox Subdistrict 5 Term(s): 10-01-2021 - 12-31-2021	Position Number: 1
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Heather Murphy Subdistrict 3 Term(s): 01-01-2023 - 12-31-2026	Position Number: 6
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Donald M Nordin Subdistrict 3 Term(s): 01-01-2019 - 12-31-2022 05-22-2015 - 12-31-2018	Position Number: 6
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Emily A Secord Subdistrict 4 Term(s): 01-01-2019 - 12-31-2022	Position Number: 2
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Kelly Sutherland Subdistrict 4 Term(s): 01-01-2023 - 12-31-2026	Position Number: 2
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Caitlin F Vargas Subdistrict 6 Term(s): 01-01-2019 - 12-31-2022	Position Number: 4
Michelle R Webber Subdistrict 2 Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 12-31-2024	Position Number: 7