



# MEMORANDUM

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

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

## GOVERNOR'S CHILD FOSTER CARE ADVISORY COMMISSION

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Governor's Child Foster Care Advisory Commission, subject to Senate confirmation:<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointment

Nick Gallo of Portland  
Judge Megan Jacquot of Coquille  
Jamie Welch of Gresham

### Term

09-28-2022 – 06-30-2026  
09-28-2022 – 06-30-2026  
09-28-2022 – 06-30-2026

### Reappointment

Pamela Heisler of Milwaukie  
Mamadou Touré of Beaverton

07-01-2022 – 06-30-2026  
07-01-2022 – 06-30-2026

### Statutory Authority

[ORS 418.041 \(2021\)](#).

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

Not required.

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

The commission consists of 11 state residents with experience and expertise in the foster care system that may include:

- foster and biological parents and children involved in the foster care system (McNEELY and RICHARD);
- representatives of organizations that advocate issues of concern to the foster care system (**HIESLER** and LLOYD-ROGERS);
- representatives of entities with experience in, interest in, and responsibility for the provision of care to children in the foster care system (DONART, **GALLO**, **TOURÉ** and **WELCH**);
- members of the Oregon State Bar with expertise in domestic relations and juvenile dependency (DREHER);
- representatives of law enforcement and district attorneys (VACANT);
- former employees of the Department of Human Services, Oregon Health Authority and Department of Justice who were responsible for the administration and oversight of child welfare and foster care systems, including but not limited to former caseworkers and former court appointed special advocates (CRUZ);

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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 418.041](#) and [418.043 \(2021\)](#); see also [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- representatives of the Judicial Department in consultation with the Chief Justice (**JAQUOT**); and
- representatives of federally recognized Indian tribes and organizations serving Native Americans (**CRUZ**).

Appointees serve four-year terms and they meet at least once every three months. The commission selects its chair and vice chair and sets their duties, and a majority constitutes a quorum.

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

The commission advises the Governor and the Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding the foster care system. It evaluates and reports on:

- legal and policy issues;
- accountability and measuring outcomes;
- improving internal DHS operations;
- improving and expanding the availability of foster care;
- alternatives to foster care;
- the promotion of responsible statewide advocacy for children in foster care; and
- ongoing review of foster care providers and barriers to providing quality care and services to children in the system.

The commission also considers reports, findings and recommendations that have been or will be issued by legislative and agency task forces, work groups and committees that have undertaken to study, review or oversee the foster care system. It also establishes advisory or technical committees to aid its work and adopts rules to carry out its function.

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<sup>4</sup> [ORS 418.044 \(2021\)](#).

# Executive Appointments Board Roster

## Governor's Child Foster Care Advisory Commission

Agency: Governor's Office  
Authorization: ORS 418.041  
Members: Min: 11 Max: 11  
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2  
Senate confirmation required? Yes

**Policy Area:** Human Services

**Board Contact:**  
OR

### Current Appointments:

#### Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Caroline M Cruz Member of the Tribes and former DHS employee Term(s): 12-19-2016 - 06-30-2019	Position Number: 1
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Robin C Donart Member of private org Term(s): 07-01-2017 - 06-30-2021 12-19-2016 - 06-30-2017	Position Number: 6
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Casey S Dreher, JD Member of OSB Term(s): 04-19-2021 - 04-18-2025	Position Number: 5
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Nick Gallo Nonprofit Providers Representative Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 06-30-2026	Position Number: 2
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Megan L Harris-Jacquot Judicial Representative Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 06-30-2026	Position Number: 4
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Pamela L Heisler Member of an advocacy org related to foster care Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026 11-25-2019 - 06-30-2022	Position Number: 8
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Jessica L Lloyd-Rogers Member of an advocacy org related to foster care Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2024 11-25-2019 - 06-30-2020	Position Number: 3
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Charlie McNeely Former foster youth Term(s): 09-28-2018 - 06-30-2022	Position Number: 9
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**Member Name and Address** (Alphabetical)

**Policy Area:** Human Services

Alicia A Richard Former Foster Youth Term(s): 05-14-2021 - 05-13-2025	Position Number: 10
Mamadou Toure CASA Representative Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026 03-01-2021 - 06-30-2022	Position Number: 7
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Jamie Welch Nonprofit Providers Representative Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 06-30-2026	Position Number: 11