



MEMORANDUM

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

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

OREGON RACING COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Oregon Racing Commission, subject to Senate confirmation:¹

New Appointment

Margaret Doherty of Tigard

Term

09-28-2022 – 09-27-2026

Statutory Authority

[ORS 462.210](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The commission consists of five citizens, residents and electors in Oregon (CONDE; **DOHERTY**, PALMER, WILLIAMSON and VACANT).

They serve four-year terms, until a successor is appointed, and may be removed for cause. The commission selects its chair and vice chair.

Commissioners, and employees and appointees of the commission, and their immediate family members, are prohibited from owning or having any other financial interest in any participating animal, race meet, training track or race course in Oregon. They are also prohibited from wagering in any manner, on any race meet subject to the commission's supervision if they have acted in an official capacity in connection with it.

Duties⁴[A1]

The commission regulates all aspects of the pari-mutuel industry in Oregon including racing, on- and off-track wagering, and multi-jurisdictional account wagering hubs. Its duties include:

- licensing, regulating and supervise all race meets;
- having race meet locations inspected at least once each fiscal year;
- administering a state mutuel wagering system;
- appointing or employing an executive director, a chief state steward and personnel;

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 462.210 to 462.273 \(2021\)](#); see also [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 462.070 to 462.740 \(2021\)](#); Oregon Racing Commission website, *About Us*, <<https://www.oregon.gov/racing/Pages/About-Us.aspx>> (last visited September 5, 2022).

- appointing stewards, deputy stewards, stewards' reporters, auditors, judges, inspectors, security personnel, chemists, veterinarians, plate inspectors, and other officials to conduct each race meet;
- appointing a board of stewards for each race meet to enforce regulations administered by the commission;
- submitting annual reports to the governor and the legislature;
- appointing enforcement personnel with the authority to serve and execute arrest and search warrants;
- setting licensing fees;
- revoking, suspending, and refusing to issue or renew licenses;
- excluding persons from any and all race courses under certain circumstances;
- requiring the chemical analysis of bodily substances of animals and persons under its jurisdiction;
- conducting investigations and hearings;
- cooperating with regulatory bodies and organizations in other jurisdictions;
- maintaining a library of materials relating to racing, and for that purpose accept gifts of books, periodicals, and library equipment; and
- enter into agreements with other governmental or private entities or associations and to perform all other acts necessary to comply with the Interstate Horseracing Act of 1978.

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Racing Commission, Oregon

Agency: None
Authorization: ORS 462.210
Members: Min: 5 Max: 5
Term Length: 4 years Limit: None
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Public Safety

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Diego Conde

Position Number: 4

Term(s): 06-01-2017 - 05-31-2021
09-26-2016 - 05-31-2017

Margaret Doherty

Position Number: 1

Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 09-27-2026

Steve O'Hagan

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 05-15-2019 - 09-24-2021

Jan L Palmer, DVM

Position Number: 3

Term(s): 07-01-2015 - 06-30-2019
07-01-2011 - 06-30-2015

Jolene M Thomson

Position Number: 1

Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 05-24-2022

Charles R Williamson

Position Number: 5

Term(s): 09-18-2011 - 09-17-2015
09-18-2007 - 09-17-2011