



MEMORANDUM

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

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SALEM AREA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Salem Area Mass Transit District Board of Directors, subject to Senate confirmation:¹

New Appointment

William Holmstrom of Salem

Term

09-28-2022 – 06-30-2023

Statutory Authority

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

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

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 NGUYEN, subdistrict 2 NAVARRO, subdistrict 3 CARNEY, subdistrict 4 HINOJOS PRESSEY, subdistrict 5 DAVIDSON, subdistrict 6 DUNCAN, and subdistrict 7 **HOLMSTROM**).

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.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [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.

Duties⁴

The Salem Area Mass Transit District Board of Directors establishes priorities, evaluates the performance of the transit system, approves budgets, and works with community members to improve bus service and address transit-related issues. Its duties include:

- purchasing or leasing motor vehicles capable of using alternative fuel, to the possible, and report 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 appoint 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.

⁴ 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 \(2021\)](#); Cherriots website, *Board of Directors*, <<https://www.cherriots.org/board/>> (last visited August 3, 2020).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Salem Area Mass Transit District

Agency: None
Authorization: ORS 267.090
Members: Min: 0 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)

Sadie K Carney

Position Number: 3

Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2023

Ian T Davidson, MPP

Position Number: 5

Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2023

Sara B Duncan

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 07-01-2021 - 06-30-2025

Maria Hinojos Pressey

Position Number: 4

Term(s): 07-01-2021 - 06-30-2025
10-01-2020 - 06-30-2021

William Holmstrom

Position Number: 7

Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 06-30-2023

RJ Navarro

Position Number: 6

Term(s): 07-01-2021 - 06-30-2025

Chi K Nguyen, MBA

Position Number: 1

Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2023