



MEMORANDUM

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

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

OREGON TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

New Appointment

Lee Beyer of Springfield

Term

01-01-2023 – 06-30-2025

Statutory Authority

[ORS 184.612 \(2021\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The commission consists of five appointees, considering different geographic regions, with one appointee residing east of the Cascade Range, and not more than three appointees belonging to the same political party (**BEYER** (D), **BROWN** (R), **BURKE** (D), **SMITH** (D) and **VAN BROCKLIN** (N/A)).

Appointees serve four-year terms; the Governor selects the chair, and the chair selects a vice chair. Appointees and their relatives are prohibited from serving if they have actual conflicts of interest at the time of appointment. When a potential or actual conflict arises, commissioners must publicly announce it and refrain from participating in any discussion or debate. The commissioner may only vote if it is necessary to meet a minimum vote requirement to take official action. A majority constitutes a quorum and they meet at least quarterly.

Duties⁴

The commission establishes state transportation policy and guides the planning, development, and management of a statewide transportation network. Its duties include:

- appointing a director in consultation with the Governor to supervise the Department of Transportation (ODOT);
- establishing policies for ODOT's operation;

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 184.612 \(2021\)](#); see also [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 184.612 to 184.843 \(2021\)](#); Oregon Department of Transportation website, *Oregon Transportation Commission: About the Commission*, <https://www.oregon.gov/odot/Get-Involved/Pages/OTC_Main.aspx> (last visited May 23, 2020).

- developing and maintaining statewide transportation policies, a comprehensive 20-year long-range plan for a safe, multimodal transportation system considering economic efficiency, orderly economic development and environmental quality;
- developing plans for each mode of transportation and multimodal plans for the movement of people and freight in coordination with specified stakeholders;
- prescribing administrative practices;
- entering into intergovernmental agreements with local governments and local service districts to encourage cooperation and maximize the efficiency of transportation systems;
- approving ODOT's proposed transportation projects, proposed budget, anticipated capital construction requirements, construction priorities, and selection, vacation, or abandonment of state highways;
- adopting a statewide strategy on greenhouse gas emissions to aid in achieving statutory greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals;
- working with stakeholders to review and update the criteria used to select projects within the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program;
- maintaining an inventory of real property owned by ODOT in excess of operating needs;
- approving the appointment of a chief engineer;
- reporting to the Governor on legislative, budgetary, and administrative programs;
- designating an internal auditor and reporting to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee;
- developing a set of uniform standards, in coordination with counties and cities, for the consistent description and reporting of the condition of the transportation infrastructure owned by the state, counties, and cities;
- developing a website through ODOT to include specified information for all transportation projects in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program; and
- designating two members to serve on the Road User Fee Task Force.

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Transportation Commission, Oregon

Agency: Transportation
Authorization: ORS 184.612
Members: Min: 5 Max: 5
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Transportation

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Lee L Beyer Democrat Term(s): 01-01-2023 - 06-30-2025	Position Number: 4
Julie A Brown Republican Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2024 09-28-2018 - 06-30-2020	Position Number: 1
Marcilynn A Burke Democrat Term(s): 11-19-2021 - 06-30-2024	Position Number: 2
Alando L Simpson Democrat Term(s): 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022 07-01-2014 - 06-30-2018	Position Number: 4
Sharon R Smith Democrat Term(s): 09-01-2019 - 06-30-2023	Position Number: 5
Robert D Van Brocklin Unaffiliated Term(s): 07-01-2021 - 06-30-2025 11-17-2017 - 06-30-2021	Position Number: 3