



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Date: February 23, 2021
By: Leslie Porter, Analyst
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

STATE BOARD OF FORESTRY

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Board of Forestry subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Karla Chambers of Corvallis; New Appointment
Benjamin Duemling of Springfield; New Appointment
Chandra Ferrari of Salem; New Appointment

Term

Chambers: March 15, 2021 – February 28, 2025
Duemling: March 15, 2021 – February 28, 2025
Ferrari: March 15, 2021 – February 28, 2025

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 526.009 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.⁴ The Governor must appoint at least one member from each of the state's three forest regions:

- Eastern Oregon Region (JUSTICE; KELLY);
- Northwest Oregon Region (**CHAMBERS**, **DUEMLING**; **FERRARI**; MCCOMB); and
- Southwest Oregon Region (ROSE).

No more than three members of the board may derive any significant portion of their income directly from persons or organizations that are subject to regulation under the Oregon Forest

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2019\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2019\)](#).

³ [ORS 182.100 \(2019\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2019\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 526.009 \(2019\)](#).

Practices Act, and no member of the board may have any relationship or pecuniary interest that would interfere with the member representing the public interest.

Members serve four-year terms and may be removed by the Governor for cause. No member may serve more than two consecutive full terms. The Governor must designate one member of the board as chairperson with such powers and duties as are provided by the rules of the board. The board meets on the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January, March, June and September and at the call of the chairperson or the State Forester.⁵

Duties and Authority

The board supervises all matters of forest policy and management under the jurisdiction of this state.⁶ The board must:⁷

- adopt rules to perform the functions defined by statute, including forest practice rules and the amount of civil penalties that may be imposed for particular violations;
- appoint a State Forester to be the chief executive officer of the State Forestry Department and who holds office at the pleasure of the board and acts as its secretary;
- provide general supervision of and direction to the State Forester;
- receive and adjudicate appeals of determinations by the State Forester;
- exercise overall responsibility for management of the Forest Resource Trust including administration of a voluntary loan program to finance establishment of stands of trees and the improved management of qualified private and local government forestlands;
- establish specified committees to assist the board in the administration of its statutory duties;
- provide for coordination with appropriate state and local agencies regarding procedures to be followed for review and comment on individual forest operations; and
- with the Department of State Lands, designate and set aside Common School Forest Lands.

The board may:⁸

- approve claims for expenses incurred under the statutes administered by the board;
- appoint advisory committees to make recommendations concerning any function vested by law in the board;
- acquire, hold, utilize, and dispose of land and real property by specified means, including the exercise of eminent domain and the sale of revenue bonds;
- go upon private property to determine the advisability or practicability of acquiring real property or any interest in real property;
- secure forest tree seedlings for the reforestation of forestlands and operate a state forest nursery to provide forest tree seedlings for the reforestation of forestland;
- in consultation with the Governor, direct the State Forester to facilitate the development of stewardship contracts utilizing private contractors and, when appropriate, to seek and

⁵ [ORS 526.016 \(2019\)](#).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ [ORS 526.016 to 526.783 \(2019\)](#), [527.630 to 527.755 \(2019\)](#), [530.050 to 530.510 \(2019\)](#).

⁸ [ORS 526.016 to 526.472 \(2019\)](#), [527.700 \(2019\)](#), [530.010 to 530.510 \(2019\)](#).

enter into a stewardship contract agreement with federal agencies to carry out forest management activities on federal lands;

- in consultation with the Governor, create a forum for interagency cooperation and collaborative public involvement regarding federal forest management issues that may include, at the discretion of the board, the appointment of advisory committees, the use of existing advisory committees, and procedures for holding public hearings;
- in consultation with the Governor, provide guidelines for the State Forestry Department and State Forester to follow that contain directions regarding the management of federal lands and that specify the goals and objectives of the board regarding the management of federal lands;
- in consultation with the Governor, participate, to the extent allowed by federal law, in the development of federal forest policies and the forest management planning processes of federal agencies;
- in consultation with the Governor, coordinate with the agencies of the executive department to assist the State Forestry Department;
- establish by rule specified programs as allowed by statute; and
- delegate specified appeals authority to an administrative law judge.

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Forestry, State Board of

Agency: None
Authorization: ORS 526.009
Members: Min: 7 Max: 7
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Natural Resources

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Karla S Chambers Northwest Oregon Region Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 02-28-2025	Position Number: 3
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Nils D Christoffersen Eastern Oregon Region Term(s): 03-01-2016 - 02-29-2020 03-01-2012 - 02-29-2016	Position Number: 7
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Ben Deumling Northwest Oregon Region Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 02-28-2025	Position Number: 7
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Chandra A Ferrari Northwest Oregon Region Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 02-28-2025	Position Number: 6
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Tom Imeson, Chair Northwest Oregon Region Term(s): 12-13-2016 - 12-12-2020 12-13-2012 - 12-12-2016	Position Number: 3
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Joe Justice Eastern Oregon Region Term(s): 09-28-2018 - 09-27-2022	Position Number: 4
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Jim Kelly Eastern Oregon Region Term(s): 03-01-2020 - 02-29-2024 09-28-2018 - 02-29-2020	Position Number: 5
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Brenda C McComb Northwest Oregon Region Term(s): 09-28-2018 - 09-27-2022	Position Number: 1
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Executive Appointments Board Roster

Forestry, State Board of

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Natural Resources

Mike Rose

Southwest Oregon Region

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 12-13-2016 - 12-12-2020
12-13-2012 - 12-12-2016

Cindy D Williams

Southwest Oregon Region

Position Number: 6

Term(s): 03-01-2016 - 02-29-2020
03-01-2012 - 02-29-2016