

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules  
DATE: September 20, 2023  
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst  
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



## OREGON HOUSING STABILITY COUNCIL

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Housing Stability Council subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointees

Margaret Harris of Portland  
Erin Meechan of Gresham  
Kristy Rodriguez of Ontario

### Reappointees

Sami Jo Difuntorum of Newport  
Margaret Harris of Portland  
Erin Meechan of Gresham

### Terms

Difuntorum: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027  
Harris: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2024  
Harris: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028  
Meechan: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2024  
Meechan: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028  
Rodriguez: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2027

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 456.567 \(2021\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The council consists of nine members, representing all geographic regions of the state who have expertise in providing housing programs and services to persons

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2021\)](#) and [171.565 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

experiencing poverty<sup>4</sup> (**DIFUNTORUM**, FERRELL, HALL, **HARRIS**, LI, **MEECHAN**, MENA, NICKLEBERRY ROGERS, **RODRIGUEZ**).

Members serve four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. The Governor appoints the chair.

## **Duties**<sup>5</sup>

The council guides, reviews, and sets policy in cooperation with OHCS to develop and finance affordable housing programs that OHCS administers. The council must:

- cooperate with and assist local housing authorities to obtain federal approval to use and distribute federal rent subsidy and assistance payments;
- adopt criteria for approval of projects proposed by qualified housing sponsors to finance multifamily housing for specified populations;
- set policy and approve or disapprove rules and standards for housing programs;
- approve or reject loans, grants, and other funding award proposals;
- provide policy direction and oversight to OHCS regarding OHCS's financial planning and biennial budget proposal;
- develop policies to stimulate and increase the supply of lower income housing, address geographic and racial disparities, and ensure OHCS contributed funds address state priorities;
- respond to private and public actions that may raise the cost of the housing supply in the open market;
- advise on the impact of proposed rules, legislation, and enacted laws on the cost and supply of housing;
- develop guidelines, review applications, and make recommendations concerning the Community Development Incentive Project Fund;
- develop rules, policies, and programs for low-income home energy assistance in conjunction with the Community Action Partnership of Oregon;
- ensure the coordination of state agency homelessness relief efforts with the Community Action Partnership of Oregon; and
- provide input to OHCS about the state housing plan prior to its development, annual updating, and implementation.

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<sup>4</sup> [ORS 456.567 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>5</sup> [ORS 456.395 to 456.690 \(2021\)](#).



The council may:

- with the approval of the Governor, initiate legal proceedings in the name of the council to further the council's purposes; and
- consult generally with the Department of Human Services and such other persons as the council considers appropriate concerning project applications for housing for disabled households.



## Housing Stability Council, Oregon

Agency: **Housing & Community Services, Oregon**

Authorization: **ORS 456.567**

Min Members: **9** Max Members: **9**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Human Services**

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## Current Appointments

**Ms Difuntorum, Sami "Sami Jo" Jo**

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

**7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**

**11/25/2019 - 6/30/2023**

**Harris, Margaret**

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

**7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028**

**10/5/2023 - 6/30/2024**

**Commissioner Hall, Claire E**

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

**7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

**7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022**

**Mena, Javier**

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

**7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

**5/14/2021 - 6/30/2022**

**Ms Li, Mary**

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

**7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

**7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022**

**Meechan, Erin**

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

**7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028**

**10/5/2023 - 6/30/2024**

**Rodriguez, Kristy**

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

**10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027**

**Ms Ferrell, Mary D**

Position Number: **8**

Term(s):

**10/1/2020 - 6/30/2024**

**Nickleberry Rogers, Sharon**

Position Number: **9**

Term(s):

**6/10/2022 - 6/30/2025**

## Vacant Positions