

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules and
Executive Appointments

DATE: May 20, 2024

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF PORTLAND

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Portland subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Rukaiyah Adams of Portland

Term

June 5, 2024 – June 4, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 778.215 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The board consists of nine U.S. citizens and Oregon residents, with not fewer than two from each county constituting the port district:

- Clackamas County (LAM, STRADER);
- Multnomah County (**ADAMS**, DEVAUGHN, JOHNSON, NIEMI);
- Washington County (LUTHER, SAMPAT); and
- Other Counties outside the port district (COBA).

Commissioners must have resided within the state for one year immediately preceding appointment. They serve four-year terms and may be removed for malfeasance after a hearing and upon determination of the Multnomah County Circuit Court.

The board must hold at least one meeting each month. The Governor designates the president of the board, who must designate a vice president, treasurer, and secretary. If a commissioner refuses to serve, ceases to have the required qualifications, or fails to attend for the period of 60 successive days any of the regular or special meetings of the

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 778.205 to 778.235 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

board regularly and duly called and held, the commissioner's place on the board is vacated. The board may grant a leave of absence not exceeding three months to a commissioner unable to attend meetings of the board by reason of illness or continued absence from the City of Portland.

Duties⁴

The board sets policy for the operation of the Port of Portland. The board must:

- oversee the finances of the port, including the issuance and sale of revenue bonds and the approval of contracts for work and materials;
- determine the fair value of property acquired by the port; and
- provide assessment of the damages and benefits of the filling or reclamation of any low, swamp, or submersible land as contemplated by the port.

The board may:

- by ordinance make, modify, or abolish regulations for the use, navigation, and placement therein or removal of obstruction from the rivers, harbors, and waterways controlled by the port;
- create an executive committee of which every commissioner is a member and of which a number less than a majority, as the board may determine, may constitute a quorum for the transaction of business;
- legislate with respect to the internal affairs of the Port of Portland by the adoption of ordinances; and
- by ordinance adopt, amend, or repeal regulations as convenient or necessary to provide for policing or regulating the use of properties owned, operated, maintained, or controlled by the port and of facilities located at or in conjunction with these properties.

⁴ [ORS 778.020 to 778.260 \(2023\)](#)



Port of Portland, Board of Commissioners of the

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 778.215**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Transportation & Infrastructure**

Board Admin: **Pam Thompson**

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Current Appointments

Mr Strader, Stuart W

Clackamas County

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **3/15/2021 - 3/14/2025**

Ms Coba, Katy M

Marion County

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **6/10/2022 - 6/9/2026**

Luther, Richelle

Washington County

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **2/17/2024 - 2/16/2028**

6/10/2022 - 2/16/2024

Johnson, Sam

Multnomah County

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **2/17/2024 - 2/16/2028**

DeVaughn, Michael "Mike"

Multnomah County

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 5/24/2026**

Mr Alexander, Michael C

Multnomah County

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **6/1/2020 - 5/31/2024**

6/1/2016 - 5/31/2020

Ms Adams, Rukaiyah N

Multnomah County Resident

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **6/5/2024 - 6/4/2028**

Ms Lam, Katherine

Clackamas County

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **11/25/2023 - 11/24/2027**

11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023

Ms Niemi, Meg M

Multnomah County

Position Number: **8**

Term(s):

11/25/2023 - 11/24/2027

11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023

Sampat, Ketan R

Washington County

Position Number: **9**

Term(s):

3/15/2021 - 3/14/2025

Vacant Positions
