

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules and
Executive Appointments

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BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Commission for the Blind subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Stephanie McGary of Medford

Reappointee

Laurel Hudson of Portland

Terms

Hudson: September 25, 2024 – September 24, 2028

McGary: June 5, 2024 – June 4, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 346.130 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission consists of seven members that include:

- four blind individuals (BROOME, GOODMAN, **McGARY**, TROSPER); and
- three individuals from among:
 - employers (**HUDSON**);
 - labor;
 - optometry (LABRUM);
 - ophthalmology; and
 - education of persons who are blind (MCCALLUM).

Only one appointee may represent the same area during the same term. Appointments should be made from the five areas on a rotating basis. Members serve four-year terms

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 346.130 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

and are removed from office if absent from three consecutive meetings or more than one-third of the scheduled meetings in one year.

Duties⁴

The commission serves the needs of Oregon's citizens who experience vision loss and need specialized training and support to lead full and productive lives. Its duties include:

- establishing and administering programs for the welfare of persons with visual impairments, including cooperation by contract or otherwise with public and private agencies in providing services, programs, and facilities for persons with visual impairments;
- responsibility for the fiscal oversight, including development of the commission's budget, review of financial statements, and directing resources to implement program goals;
- employing an administrator;
- maintaining a confidential register of persons who are blind, describing the extent of blindness, and other information;
- administering programs for the conservation and restoration of sight and the prevention of blindness, and for vocational rehabilitation;
- cooperating with Department of Human Services to administer programs;
- overseeing the administration of vending facilities in public buildings or on public property; and
- ensuring the active participation of the commission's business enterprise consumer committee in major administrative, policy, and program development decisions that impact the commission's business enterprise program.

The commission may:

- establish social and educational services;
- enter into agreements with, join with, or accept grants from, the federal government for cooperative research, demonstration projects, and personnel training programs;
- receive moneys by gift or bequest;
- require the fingerprints of persons to check criminal history;
- aid a licensed vending facility manager with materials, equipment or machinery, or by allowing the manager to subcontract with a third party to obtain the above, in order to enable the operation of a vending facility; and
- negotiate and consummate arrangements for the purchase of such vending facility equipment.

⁴ [ORS 346.120 to 346.570 \(2023\)](#).



Blind, Commission for the

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 346.130, HB 3187**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **7**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **3**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Human Services**

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Current Appointments

Ms Goodman, Lillian N

Person Who is Blind

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

11/17/2021 - 11/16/2025

12/17/2018 - 11/16/2021

Dr. Labrum, Alan

Optometrist or Ophthalmologist

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

10/1/2023 - 9/30/2027

9/28/2022 - 9/30/2023

Trosper, Cassie

Person Who is Blind

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 2/15/2028

Mrs Hudson, Laurel K

Employer

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

9/25/2024 - 9/24/2028

9/26/2020 - 9/24/2024

9/26/2016 - 9/25/2020

Ms Broome, Nadeera A

Person Who is Blind

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

3/15/2021 - 6/15/2025

Mr McCallum, Scott I

Educator

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024

7/1/2016 - 6/30/2020

9/19/2014 - 6/30/2016

McGary, Stephanie

Person Who is Blind

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

6/5/2024 - 6/4/2028

Vacant Positions