

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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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE WATERSHED ENHANCEMENT BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to serve as the Executive Director of the Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointee

Sara O-Brien of Eagle Creek

Term

May 31, 2024 – May 30, 2027; serves at the pleasure of the Governor.

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 541.902](#) (2023)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The executive director must be an individual qualified by training and experience. The director serves for a term of four years and at the pleasure of the Governor.

Duties⁴

The Watershed Enhancement Board conducts a watershed enhancement grant program to benefit all users of the waters of this state. The executive director must appoint all subordinate officers and employees of the board, prescribe their duties and fix their compensation. The executive director may, on behalf of the board, enter into interagency agreements necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the board.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 541.902](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 541.902 to 541.926 \(2023\)](#).