

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules on  
Executive Appointments

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BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMISSION

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Environmental Quality Commission subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointees

Matt Donegan of Portland

Karen Moynahan of Dallas

### Terms

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 468.010 \(2023\)](#)

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

Required.

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

The commission consists of five members (BARASO, **DONEGAN**, **MOYNAHAN**, SCHLUSSER, WEBB). Members serve four-year terms, and no member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

### Duties<sup>4</sup>

The commission establishes the policies for the operation of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) consistent with the air and water quality policies and purposes established in statute.

The commission must:

- adopt rules and standards necessary to perform duties and functions;
- appoint a Director of DEQ who holds office at the pleasure of the commission and provide policy direction to the director and agency;

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

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 468.010 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 468.015 to 468.996 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 448.407 to 448.450 \(2023\)](#), [454.020 to 454.795 \(2023\)](#), [468A.020 to 468A.820 \(2023\)](#), [468B.010 to 468B.485 \(2023\)](#).

- administer, license, permit, certify, and issue other authorizations related to sewage treatment and disposal, air quality, and water quality;
- administer federal air and water quality requirements;
- maintain and administer funds and grants;
- receive aid and advice from advisory committees;
- review and investigate applications and issue orders to administer air and water quality policies; and
- establish specified priorities for DEQ.

The commission may:

- adopt administrative rules for specified fees and standards for sewage treatment and disposal, air quality, and water quality;
- grant authorization, approve specific actions by, and delegate specified duties or authorities to, DEQ, the director, the Oregon Health Authority, and other entities;
- access property records when investigating either an actual or suspected source of water or air pollution or air contamination;
- institute actions or proceedings for legal or other remedies to enforce compliance or to restrain further violations of laws;
- conduct public hearings, issue subpoenas for the production of witnesses and records, administer oaths, and make or cause to be taken depositions;
- assess, remit, or mitigate civil penalties for violations;
- accept federal funds and participate in federal matching fund programs;
- institute actions or proceedings for legal or equitable remedies to enforce compliance with specified provisions;
- enter into agreements with local governments;
- suspend or revoke specified licenses, permits, and certifications; and
- grant specified variances.



## Environmental Quality Commission

Agency: **Environmental Quality, Department Of**

Authorization: **ORS 468.010**

Min Members: **5** Max Members: **5**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Natural Resources**

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## Current Appointments

<b>Mr Baraso, Sam Y</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024</b>
Position Number: <b>1</b>		<b>2/1/2017 - 6/30/2020</b>
<b>Mr Webb, Mark R</b>	Term(s):	<b>10/5/2023 - 6/30/2025</b>
Position Number: <b>2</b>		
<b>Moynahan, Karen</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028</b>
Position Number: <b>3</b>		
<b>Ms Schlusser, Amelia "Amy" R</b>	Term(s):	<b>11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025</b>
Position Number: <b>4</b>		
<b>Ms George, Kathleen N</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024</b>
Position Number: <b>5</b>		<b>5/3/2017 - 6/30/2020</b>
<b>Mr Donegan, Matthew W</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028</b>
Position Number: <b>5</b>		

## Vacant Positions