Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules and Executive Appointments DATE: May 20, 2024 BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



OREGON GOVERNMENT ETHICS COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Oregon Government Ethics Commission subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Reappointee

Iván Resendiz Gutierrez of Portland

Term

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

ORS 244.250 (2023)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The commission has nine members, including:

- two House Democrat recommendations: MCAULEY (D), PAYNE (D);
- two House Republican recommendations: BURKE (L), MASON (R);
- two Senate Democrat recommendations: RESENDIZ GUTIERREZ (D), NEWELL (N/A);
- two Senate Republican recommendations: LINDSAY (R); THOMPSON (R); and
- a ninth appointee: FISKUM (N/A).

No more than three members may be members of the same political party. A person who holds any public office for which a statement of economic interest is required, except as a member of the commission, may not be appointed. Members serve four-year terms and may not serve more than two full terms and may serve out an unexpired term. The commission elects its chair and vice chair. A quorum consists of five members, but a final decision may not be made without an affirmative vote of a majority of the members appointed to the commission.

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

² ORS 244.050 (2023).

³ ORS 244.250 (2023); ORS 182.100 (2023) for affirmative action policy; ORS 236.115 (2023) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The commission administers and enforces state government ethics laws, lobby regulation laws, and the executive session provisions of Oregon's public meetings laws. The commission must:

- administer statement of economic interest requirements for specified public officials, candidates, and participating political subdivisions;
- develop a filing, coding, and cross-indexing system;
- receive and review conflict of interest records submitted by a public body;
- receive and review rules or policies adopted by a state agency or statewide public association that interpret provisions of ethics laws;
- administer legal expense trust fund requirements for public officials;
- estimate operating expenses for each biennium and assess specified public bodies an appropriate portion of those expenses;
- receive, review, investigate, and report findings on filed ethics complaints;
- accept and file any information voluntarily supplied that exceeds the requirements of ethics laws;
- prepare and publish reports;
- make statements and information filed with the commission available for public inspection and copying during regular office hours;
- not later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year, report to the Legislative Assembly on any recommended changes to the statutes administered by the commission;
- adopt rules necessary to carry out statutory duties;
- administer an electronic filing system for filing required statements;
- make statements filed with the commission, advisory opinions issued by the commission or the executive director of the commission, findings of a violation of Oregon government ethics laws, and lobbyist registration statements searchable via the internet;
- appoint an executive director to serve at the pleasure of the commission;
- prepare, publish, and distribute a manual on government ethics that explains the requirements of Oregon government ethics laws and the commission's interpretation of those requirements;
- prepare and present a program of continuing education for public officials;
- annually report to the Legislative Equity Officer on training attended by registered lobbyists; and
- administer lobbyist registration requirements.

⁴ ORS 244.050 to 244.390 (2023), ORS 171.740 to 171.778 (2023), and ORS 192.685 (2023).



Government Ethics Commission, Oregon

| Agency: None | Policy Area: Intergovernmental Relations |
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| Authorization: ORS 244.250, HB 2019 | Board Admin: Ron Bersin |
| Min Members: 9 Max Members: 9 | Address: |
| Term Length: 4 Term Limit: 1 | 3218 Pringle Road SE, Suite 220 |
| Senate Confirmation Required?: Yes | Salem, OR 97302 |
| | 503-378-5105 |
| | Ron.A.BERSIN@ogec.oregon.gov |

Current Appointments

| McAuley, Alicia | Term(s): | 11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025 |
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| House Democrat Recommendation, Democrat | | |
| Position Number: 1 | | |
| Mr Fiskum, David M | Term(s): | 5/31/2021 - 5/2/2025 |
| Governor's Appointee; Non-Affiliated | | 5/3/2017 - 5/2/2021 |
| Position Number: 9 | | |
| Payne, Shenoa | Term(s): | 9/28/2022 - 9/27/2026 |
| House Democrat Recommendation; Democrat | | |
| Position Number: 2 | | |
| Mr Mason, Daniel C | Term(s): | 7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025 |
| House Republican Recommendation; Republican | | 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021 |
| Position Number: 3 | | |
| Mr Burke, Richard P | Term(s): | 9/28/2022 - 9/27/2026 |
| House Republican Recommendation; Libertarian | | 9/23/2016 - 9/22/2020 |
| Position Number: 4 | | |
| Newell, Channa | Term(s): | 9/23/2024 - 9/22/2028 |
| Senate Democrat Recommendation; Unaffiliated | | 10/5/2023 - 9/22/2024 |
| Position Number: 5 | | |
| Ms Hollister, Amber A | Term(s): | 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024 |
| Senate Democrats Recommendation, Democrat | | |
| Position Number: 6 | | |
| Resendiz Gutierrez, Iván | Term(s): | 7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028 |
| | 10111(3). | |
| Senate Democratic Recommendation; Democrat | | |

| Mr Thompson, Jonathan E | Term(s): | 11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025 |
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| Senate Republican Recommendation; Republican | | |
| Position Number: 7 | | |
| Mr Lindsay, Shawn | Term(s): | 10/1/2020 - 9/30/2024 |
| Senate Republican Reommendation; Republican | | |
| Position Number: 8 | | |
| Vacant Positions | | |