

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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QUALITY EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Quality Education Commission subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Re-appointees

Dana Hepper of Portland

Tricia Mooney of Hermiston

Terms

November 25, 2023 – November 24, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 327.500 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission consists of 11 members, including:

- at-large members (**HEPPER**, PREUS, REXFORD, SCOTT-SCHWALBACH, SWANDER, VACANT, VACANT); and
- no more than five school district employees (COX, **MOONEY**, TOWNSEND, DANZUKA).

Members serve four-year terms. The Governor selects the chair and vice chair. The commission meets at the call of the chair or of a majority of commission members.

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2023\)](#). (2021),

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 327.500 and 327.502 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties

The Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century established quality education goals for the state's K-12 public schools.⁴ The commission determines the amount of funding needed to meet those goals.⁵ The commission must:⁶

- each biennium, determine the amount of moneys sufficient to ensure that the state's system of K-12 public education meets the quality goals;
- identify best practices based on research, data, professional judgment, and public values that lead to high student performance and the costs of implementing those best practices in the state's K-12 public schools; and
- each biennium, issue a report to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly that identifies: current practices in the state's system of K-12 public education, the costs of continuing those practices, and the expected student performance under those practices; and the best practices for meeting the quality goals, the costs of implementing the best practices, and the expected student performance under the best practices; and at least two alternatives for meeting the quality goals.

⁴ [ORS Chapter 329 \(2023\)](#).

⁵ Oregon Department of Education, *Quality Education Commission Reports*, <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/reports-and-data/taskcomm/Pages/QEMReports.aspx> (last visited May 15, 2024).

⁶ [ORS 327.506 \(2023\)](#).



Quality Education Commission

Agency: **Education, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 327.500**

Min Members: **11** Max Members: **11**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Education**

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Current Appointments

Ms Preus, Camille "Cam"

Term(s): **5/14/2021 - 5/13/2025**

Position Number: **1**

Mr Rexford, John M

Term(s): **8/1/2021 - 7/31/2025**

Position Number: **2**

8/1/2017 - 7/31/2021

9/26/2016 - 7/31/2017

Ms Cox, Monica B

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 7/31/2025**

Position Number: **3**

Ms Scott-Schwalbach, Reed A

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026**

Position Number: **4**

Dr Mooney, Patricia "Tricia" G

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

Position Number: **5**

11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023

Ms Swander, Whitney M

Term(s): **5/14/2021 - 5/13/2025**

Position Number: **8**

Townsend, Andrea

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 7/31/2025**

Position Number: **9**

Ms Hepper, Dana T

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

Position Number: **10**

11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023

Danzuka, Laurie

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

Position Number: **11**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
6	Dr Henry, Samuel D	Governor	8/1/2019	7/31/2023
6	Dr Henry, Samuel D	Governor	2/17/2016	7/31/2019
6	Mr Wells, Doug A	Governor	3/1/2012	7/31/2015
6	Mr Wyse, Duncan E	Governor	8/1/2007	7/31/2011
6	Mr Wyse, Duncan E	Governor	8/1/2003	7/31/2007
6	Mr Wyse, Duncan E	Governor	9/10/2001	8/1/2003
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
7	Dr Sequeira, Carlos A EdD	Governor	11/25/2019	11/24/2023
7	Ms Boly, Sarah E	Governor	8/1/2014	7/31/2018
7	Ms Boly, Sarah E	Governor	10/1/2010	7/31/2014
7	Mr Backlund, Vic	Governor	12/1/2006	7/31/2010