

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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TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Catherine Cox of Tigard
Mary Hofer of Bend
Francisco López Atanes of Ashland
Gary Roberts of Coos Bay

Re-appointees

Catherine Cox of Tigard
Mary Hofer of Bend
Francisco López Atanes of Ashland
Rae Ette Newman of La Grande
Gary Roberts of Coos Bay
Helen Ying of Portland

Terms

Newman: January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2023
Newman: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026
All other new appointees: June 5, 2024 – December 31, 2024
All other re-appointees: January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 342.350 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

Composition³

The commission consists of 17 members, including:

- four elementary school teachers (CARRASCO, **COX**, JIMENEZ, KHALIL);
- four middle school or high school teachers (GARCIA ARRIOLA, BARNEY, CLASSEN, YORK);
- one elementary school administrator (**ROBERTS**);
- one middle school or high school administrator (**LÓPEZ ATANES**);
- one superintendent of a school district (ZWEMKE);
- one superintendent of an education service district (WALTENBURG);
- one faculty member of an approved educator preparation provider within a private college or university (KONDOR);
- one faculty member of an approved educator preparation provider within a public university (**NEWMAN**);
- one school district board member (**YING**);
- one classified staff member at a public school or for an education service district (**HOFER**); and
- one public member (GROSS).

Members serve three-year terms. One member must be a licensed teacher with a special education endorsement or have related experience. Except for public members and school district board members, members must have been actively engaged in their respective occupations for five years immediately preceding appointment. The commission selects its chair and vice chair and meets at least once every six months.

Duties⁴

The commission regulates teaching programs offered by colleges and universities; oversees licensure for teachers, administrators, and other personnel; and disciplines educators.

The commission must:

- appoint an executive director;
- administer licensing for educators and other personnel employed in schools;
- adopt rules for administering specified statutes;
- establish a public charter school teacher and administrator registry;

³ [ORS 342.350 to 342.360 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 342.121 to 342.430 \(2023\)](#).



- administer a pilot program on alternative authorization requirements for teachers of noncore courses;
- establish and collect fees;
- adopt standards for approving educator preparation providers and programs;
- award grants from the Teacher Education Program Accreditation Account;
- assess proficiencies developed through Braille courses that are consistent with national standards; and
- investigate complaints, render decisions, and publish information about individuals subject to discipline.

The commission may:

- accept any grant, donation, or gift for the National Board Certification Fund;
- disburse moneys from the National Board Certification Fund to applicants for financial assistance with costs of obtaining national board certification;
- establish teaching licenses as necessary for operation of public schools;
- refuse to issue, or suspend or revoke, a license or registration; and
- issue a license to an out-of-state applicant if professional requirements are met.



Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

Agency: **Teacher Standards & Practices Commission**

Policy Area: **Education**

Authorization: **ORS 342.350**

Board Admin: **Melissa Goff**

Min Members: **17** Max Members: **17**

Address:

Term Length: **3** Term Limit: **2**

250 Division Street NE

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

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Current Appointments

Ms Gross, Martha D

Term(s): **1/1/2024 - 12/31/2026**

Public Member

1/1/2021 - 12/31/2023

Position Number: **17**

1/1/2018 - 12/31/2020

Cox, Catherine

Term(s): **1/1/2025 - 12/31/2027**

Elementary Teacher

6/5/2024 - 12/31/2024

Position Number: **1**

Ms Carrasco, Iris

Term(s): **9/28/2018 - 12/31/2020**

Elementary Teacher

Position Number: **2**

Khalil, Mona

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 12/31/2026**

Elementary Teacher

Position Number: **3**

Ms Jimenez, Liliana

Term(s): **1/1/2018 - 12/31/2020**

Elementary Teacher

9/26/2016 - 12/31/2017

Position Number: **4**

Garcia Arriola, Alfonso

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 12/31/2026**

Secondary Teacher

Position Number: **5**

Dr York, Michelle C

Term(s): **1/1/2023 - 12/31/2025**

Secondary Teacher

10/1/2020 - 12/31/2022

Position Number: **6**

Ms Classen, Jessica

Term(s): **1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024**

Secondary Teacher

1/1/2019 - 12/31/2021

Position Number: **8**

11/17/2017 - 12/31/2018

Roberts, Gary Elementary Principal Position Number: 9	Term(s):	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2027 6/5/2024 - 12/31/2024
López Atanes, Francisco Secondary Principal Position Number: 10	Term(s):	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2027 6/5/2024 - 12/31/2024
Zwemke, Jon School District Superintendent Position Number: 11	Term(s):	3/1/2022 - 12/31/2024
Mr Waltenburg, Robert E ESD Superintendent Position Number: 12	Term(s):	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2027 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024
Dr Kondor, Carrie Ann "Carrie" H EDD State Institution of Higher Education, Private Position Number: 13	Term(s):	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024
Dr Newman, Rae Ette V PhD State Institution of Higher Learning Position Number: 14	Term(s):	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2026 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2023 9/23/2019 - 12/31/2020
Ying, Helen L School Board Member Position Number: 15	Term(s):	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2027 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024
Hofer, Mary Classified Staff Position Number: 16	Term(s):	1/1/2025 - 12/31/2027 6/5/2024 - 12/31/2024

Vacant Positions				
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
7	Ms Barney, Jessica L	Governor	1/1/2019	12/31/2021
7	Mr Kuka, Christopher F	Governor	1/1/2016	12/31/2018
7	Mr Kuka, Christopher F	Governor	1/1/2013	12/31/2015
7	Mr Sconce, Robert W Jr	Governor	1/1/2010	12/31/2012
7	Mr Sconce, Robert W Jr	Governor	6/1/2007	12/31/2009