

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules and
Executive Appointments

DATE: September 10, 2024

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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AND RESEARCH OFFICE

COMMISSION ON BLACK AFFAIRS

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Commission on Black Affairs subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Kenny Adams of La Pine

Term

October 1, 2024 – April 25, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 185.420](#) (2023)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The commission comprises 11 Oregon residents to ensure the representation of Black persons, which includes:

- nine members appointed by the Governor representing all geographical areas of the state (**ADAMS**, ASEMOTA, DOGO, DRURY, DUNCAN, FOUTHER-BRANCH, HARDEN-MOORE, RANKIN, WILLIAMS);
- one senator appointed by the President of the Senate (WOODS); and
- one representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (NELSON).

Gubernatorial appointees serve four-year terms; legislators serve two-year terms. The commission elects its chair and vice chair. A majority of members constitutes a quorum. Non-legislative members may receive per diem.

Duties⁴

The commission was created to work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal, and political equality for Black persons in Oregon. Its duties include:

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 185.420 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 185.410 and 185.430 \(2023\)](#).

- monitoring existing programs and legislation designed to meet the needs of Oregon's Black population;
- identifying and researching problem areas and issues affecting the Black community and recommending actions to the Governor and Legislative Assembly, including recommendations on legislative programs;
- maintaining a liaison between the Black community and government entities;
- encouraging Black representation on state boards and commissions; and
- meeting at least annually in a joint meeting with other commissions to consider and act upon issues of mutual importance.



Black Affairs, Commission on

Agency: **Advocacy Commissions Office**

Authorization: **ORS 185.420**

Min Members: **9** Max Members: **11**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Racial Justice & Equity**

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Current Appointments

Drury, Lakayana Position Number: 1	Term(s): 4/26/2023 - 2/28/2026
Mr Dogo, Djimet Position Number: 2	Term(s): 6/1/2021 - 5/30/2025 6/1/2018 - 5/30/2021
Adams, Kenny Position Number: 3	Term(s): 10/1/2024 - 4/25/2027
Asemota, Mitchell Position Number: 4	Term(s): 4/26/2023 - 2/28/2026
Foucher-Branch, Liz Position Number: 5	Term(s): 3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026
Mr Duncan, Benjamin "Ben" E Position Number: 6	Term(s): 3/15/2019 - 3/14/2022 3/1/2019 - 3/14/2019
Harden-Moore, Tai Position Number: 7	Term(s): 6/5/2024 - 11/18/2025
Rankin, Joseph Position Number: 8	Term(s): 10/5/2023 - 11/18/2025
Mr Williams, Clarence Position Number: 9	Term(s): 6/5/2024 - 6/9/2026
Rep. Nelson, Travis House Speaker's Appointment Position Number: 10	Term(s): -
Senator Woods, Aaron Senator Position Number: 11	Term(s): -

Vacant Positions