

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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OREGON RACING COMMISSION

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

New Appointee

Harvey Stein of Portland

Reappointee

Harvey Stein of Portland

Terms

October 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025

June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 462.210 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The commission consists of five members who must be U.S. citizens and Oregon residents and electors (BECKSTEAD, BERRY, DOHERTY, FOWLER, **STEIN**).

Members serve four-year terms, serve until a successor is appointed, may be removed for cause, and must take an oath of office. The commission elects its chair and vice chair.⁴

No member, employee, or immediate family member thereof, may:⁵

- own or have any other financial interest in any animal participating in any race, any race meet, or public training track or race course; or

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 462.210 \(2021\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 462.210 \(2023\)](#) and [462.240 \(2023\)](#).

⁵ [ORS 462.273 \(2023\)](#).

- bet or wager, in any manner, on any race meet held under the license and supervision of the commission if such individual acts in an official capacity in connection with that race meet.

Duties⁶

The commission regulates all aspects of the pari-mutuel industry, including racing, on- and off-track wagering, and multi-jurisdictional account wagering hubs, for the good of the horses, the horsemen and women, the bettors, the licensees, and the citizenry.

The commission must:

- license, regulate, and supervise all race meets;
- visit and inspect race sites at least once each fiscal year;
- administer a state mutuel wagering system including allowable activities;
- appoint an executive director, who may be a member of the commission or an employee of the commission in another capacity;
- appoint necessary officials, including a board of stewards, for each race meet;
- adopt necessary rules and regulations;
- write an annual report and submit it to the Governor and Legislative Assembly;
- appoint enforcement agents to serve and execute warrants; and
- administer a state exchange wagering program allowing licensed operators to operate on- and off-track wagering and multi-jurisdiction account wagering.

⁶ [ORS 462.020 to ORS 462.740 \(2023\)](#).



Racing Commission, Oregon

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 462.210**

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

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **None**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Public Safety**

Board Admin: **Connie Winn**

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Current Appointments

Doherty, Margaret

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 9/27/2026**

Position Number: **1**

Berry, Quinn

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 4/25/2027**

Position Number: **2**

Beckstead, Scott

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 10/4/2027**

Position Number: **3**

Stein, Harvey

Term(s): **6/1/2025 - 5/31/2029**

Position Number: **4**

10/1/2024 - 5/31/2025

Fowler, Lindsay

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 10/4/2027**

Position Number: **5**

Vacant Positions