

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 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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

New Appointee

Phil Chang of Bend

Term

October 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 184.612 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The commission consists of five members (BEYER (D), BROWN (R), CHAPMAN (D), **CHANG (D)**, BAKER (R)).

One member must be a resident of the area east of the Cascade Range (**CHANG**). Not more than three members may belong to one political party. Members serve four-year terms. The Governor appoints one of the members as chair, who appoints the vice chair. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum. The commission must meet at least quarterly.

Duties⁴

The commission establishes state transportation policy and guides the planning, development, and management of a statewide transportation network. The commission must:

- appoint a Director of Transportation to supervise the Department of Transportation (ODOT), who is subject to confirmation by the Senate;

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 184.612 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 184.612 to 184.843 \(2023\)](#).

- establish the policies for ODOT's operation;
- develop and maintain state transportation policies and a 20-year long-range plan;
- develop plans for each mode of transportation;
- initiate studies to guide the director concerning transportation needs;
- prescribe the administrative practices followed by the director;
- enter into intergovernmental agreements with local governments and local service districts to encourage cooperation and maximize the efficiency;
- review and approve ODOT's proposed transportation projects, budget, anticipated capital construction requirements, construction priorities, and selection, vacation, or abandonment of state highways;
- adopt a statewide transportation strategy on greenhouse gas emissions;
- adopt necessary rules and orders;
- review and update the criteria used to select projects within the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program;
- compile an inventory of real property owned by ODOT;
- approve the appointment of a chief engineer;
- report to the Governor on legislative, budgetary, and administrative programs;
- designate an ODOT internal auditor and report on audits to the Joint Legislative Audit Committee;
- develop standards for the consistent description and reporting of the condition of transportation infrastructure owned by the state, counties, and cities;
- develop a website with information about projects in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program;
- appoint specified advisory committees to advise the commission on its work;
- distribute moneys in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Fund; and
- provide two members to serve on the Road User Fee Task Force.



Transportation Commission, Oregon

Agency: **Transportation, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 184.612**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Transportation & Infrastructure**

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Current Appointments

Ms Brown, Julie A	Term(s):	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028
Republican		7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024
Position Number: 1		9/28/2018 - 6/30/2020
Chapman, Alicia	Term(s):	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028
Democrat		7/1/2023 - 6/30/2024
Position Number: 2		
Baker, Jeff	Term(s):	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2025
Republican		
Position Number: 3		
Mr Beyer, Lee L	Term(s):	1/1/2023 - 6/30/2025
Democrat		
Position Number: 4		
Chang, Philip "Phil"	Term(s):	10/1/2024 - 6/30/2028
Democrat; East of the Cascades		
Position Number: 5		

Vacant Positions