

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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OREGONSERVES COMMISSION

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

New Appointees

Dr. Latrissa Neiworth of Eugene
Susan Taylor of Sisters
Cari Vandecoevering of Oregon City
Craig Wiroll of Eugene

Terms

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 660.500 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The commission consists of 15 to 25 Oregon residents, including:

- one individual with experience in educational, training and developmental needs of youth, particularly the disadvantaged (VACANT);
- one individual with experience involving adults at least 55 years of age in service and volunteerism (BASS, **VANDECOEVERING**);
- one community-based agency or organization representative (PRUCH);
- the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee (VACANT);
- one local governments representative (VACANT);
- one local labor unions representative (EDWARDS);
- one business representative (VACANT);

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 660.505 and 660.508 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- one participant in, or supervisor of, a national service program for school-age youth, or of a campus-based or national service program, for people between 16 and 25 years of age (ALTAMIRANO);
- one national service program representative (CARPINELLO, **WIROLL**); and
- one volunteer sector representative (PALSHIKAR).

Membership may also include:

- educators, including from a post-secondary institution of education and local education agencies (HALL, **TAYLOR**, **NEIWORTH**);
- experts in the delivery of human, educational, environmental, or public safety services (BARNES, CUMBERBATCH);
- members or representatives of Native American tribes;
- at-risk youths or out-of-school youths; and
- entities receiving assistance under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973.

Members serve three-year terms and an individual may represent more than one category. The commission selects its chair and vice chair and must meet once a quarter. Members must have a proven commitment to community service and a demonstrated interest in fostering and nurturing civic engagement.

Duties⁴

The Corporation for National and Community Service is the federal agency that leads volunteerism and grant-making efforts under the AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs. States that establish a Service Commission are eligible to receive grants through those programs. OregonServes is Oregon's commission.

The commission must:⁵

- develop, oversee, and administer programs granted by AmeriCorps;
- apply to AmeriCorps for financial assistance for state-based service programs;
- develop a three-year, comprehensive national and community service plan;
- coordinate national and volunteer service in statewide activities for disaster preparedness, response and relief activities, and for climate mitigation;
- promote engagement in volunteerism; and
- biennially submit a report to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly.

⁴ Corporation for National and Community Service, *About CNCS*, <https://nationalservice.gov/about> (last visited May 15, 2024); Higher Education Coordinating Commission, *Oregon Volunteers Commission*, <https://www.oregon.gov/highered/institutions-programs/workforce/Pages/oregon-volunteers-commission.aspx> (last visited May 15, 2024).

⁵ [ORS 660.511 through 660.523 \(2023\)](#).



OregonServes Commission

Agency: **Higher Education Coordinating Commission**

Authorization: **ORS 660.500**

Min Members: **15** Max Members: **25**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Education**

Board Admin: **Brittany Melzer**

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Current Appointments

Carpinello, Gregory "Greg"

Term(s): **11/19/2021 - 11/18/2024**

Representative: National Service Program

Position Number: **1**

Pruch, Jared

Term(s): **11/19/2021 - 11/18/2024**

Representative: Community-based Agency

Position Number: **4**

Vandecoevering, Cari

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 9/30/2027**

AmeriCorps Seniors Program Manager, Volunteerism (Role: Volunteer 55+ Rep)

Position Number: **5**

Wiroll, Craig

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 9/30/2027**

AmeriCorps Alumni, Peace Corps Alumni (Role: National Service Alumni Representative)

Position Number: **7**

Neiworth, Latrissa

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 9/30/2027**

Educator and Leader (Role: Higher Education Rep)

Position Number: **8**

Taylor, Susan

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 9/30/2027**

National Service Alumni, nonprofit management, public service, volunteer, MPA, Senior Fellow American Leadership Forum of Oregon

Position Number: **10**

Cumberbatch, Shenika L

Term(s): **11/25/2022 - 11/24/2025**

Services Expert: Public Policy (Secondary: National Service Representative)

Position Number: **14**

11/25/2019 - 11/24/2022

Altamirano, Daniel I	Term(s):	10/1/2020 - 9/30/2023
Representative: 16-25, Participant or Supervisor of Service Program for school-age youth, campus-based or national service program		
Position Number: 16		
Ms Edwards, Heidi D	Term(s):	5/25/2021 - 5/24/2024
Local Labor Organization		
Position Number: 17		
Bass, June	Term(s):	4/26/2023 - 4/25/2026
Volunteers 55+		
Position Number: 18		
Ms Barnes, Sierra J	Term(s):	11/25/2022 - 11/24/2025
Services Expert: Intergenerational Services and Housing		
Position Number: 19		
Hall, CM	Term(s):	6/5/2024 - 6/4/2027
Education Institution Rep		
Position Number: 20		
Palshikar, Jayesh S	Term(s):	5/25/2021 - 5/24/2024
Volunteer Sector Representative		
Position Number: 22		

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
2	Mr Deiz, William R	Governor	3/1/2016	2/28/2019
2	Mr Deiz, William R	Governor	4/1/2013	2/28/2016
2	Ms Rechel, Pamela A	Governor	2/17/2004	2/16/2007
2	Ms Rechel, Pamela A	Governor	2/17/2001	2/16/2004
2	Ms Rechel, Pamela A	Governor	6/1/2000	2/16/2001
2	Mr Goldy, Daniel L	Governor	2/17/1998	2/16/2001
2	Mr Goldy, Daniel L	Governor	2/17/1995	2/16/1998
2	Mr Goldy, Daniel L	Governor	2/17/1994	2/16/1995

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
3	Cruz, Jorge A	Governor	12/1/2020	11/30/2023
3	Cruz, Jorge A	Governor	12/1/2017	11/30/2020
3	Ms Hickman, Carol E	Governor	3/1/2016	2/28/2019
3	Ms Hickman, Carol E	Governor	4/1/2013	2/28/2016
3	Mr Schumacher, Justin M	Governor	12/20/2010	9/30/2011
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
6	Ms Wessels, Kelly D	Governor	6/1/2018	5/31/2021
6	Ms Wessels, Kelly D	Governor	6/1/2015	5/31/2018
6	Ms Snyder, Becky A	Governor	10/1/2011	9/30/2014
6	Ms Snyder, Becky A	Governor	10/1/2008	9/30/2011
6	Mrs Fox, Beth E	Governor	7/1/2007	6/30/2010
6	Mrs Fox, Beth E	Governor	8/1/2005	6/30/2007
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
9	Brito, Pablo R	Governor	12/1/2017	11/30/2020
9	Ms Aitken, Ashley M	Governor	1/1/2015	12/31/2017
9	Ms Shrestha, Bandana	Governor	7/1/2009	6/30/2012
9	Ms Shrestha, Bandana	Governor	7/1/2006	6/30/2009
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
11	Ms Halleck, Jeannemarie C	Governor	12/1/2017	11/30/2020
11	Ms Schweber, Eva S	Governor	7/1/2010	6/30/2013
11	Ms Schweber, Eva S	Governor	7/1/2007	6/30/2010
11	Mrs Sweeney, Christee A	Governor	5/1/2002	4/30/2005
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
12	Mr Fieldman, Michael C	Governor	12/1/2017	11/30/2020
12	Mr Fieldman, Michael C	Governor	2/18/2011	2/17/2014
12	Mr Fieldman, Michael C	Governor	2/18/2008	2/17/2011
12	Mr Brown, Ralph D	Governor	2/1/2007	1/31/2010
12	Mr Brown, Ralph D	Governor	2/1/2004	1/31/2007
12	Mr Kaiser, Marvin A	Governor	2/17/2000	2/16/2003
12	Mr Kaiser, Marvin A	Governor	2/17/1997	2/16/2000
12	Mr Kaiser, Marvin A	Governor	2/17/1994	2/16/1997

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
13	Mr Rix, Nathan K	Governor	9/23/2022	9/22/2025
13	Mr Rix, Nathan K	Governor	9/23/2019	9/22/2022
13	Ms Gilliland, Emily L	Governor	7/1/2010	6/30/2013
13	Ms Gilliland, Emily L	Governor	7/1/2007	6/30/2010
13	Mr Fisher, Matthew R	Governor	8/1/2005	7/31/2008
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
15	Ms Buckland, Mila	Governor	5/3/2017	5/31/2019
15	Dr Balzer, Jacqueline L	Governor	10/1/2010	9/30/2013
15	Mr Kecskes, Kevin J	Governor	5/1/2007	4/30/2010
15	Mr Kecskes, Kevin J	Governor	5/1/2004	4/30/2007
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
21	Mr Todd, Joshua L	Governor	1/1/2018	12/31/2020
21	Mr Todd, Joshua L	Governor	1/1/2015	12/31/2017
21	Mr Nelson, Andy P	Governor	2/18/2008	2/17/2011
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
23	<i>No prior appointments</i>			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
24	<i>No prior appointments</i>			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
25	<i>No prior appointments</i>			