

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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QUALITY EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Quality Education Commission subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Manuel Vazquez Cano of Portland

Reappointee

Manuel Vazquez Cano of Portland

Terms

October 1, 2024 – July 31, 2025

August 1, 2025 – July 31, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 327.500 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission consists of 11 members, including:

- at-large members (HEPPER, PREUS, REXFORD, SCOTT-SCHWALBACH, SWANDER, VACANT, VACANT); and
- no more than five school district employees (DANZUKA, MOONEY, TOWNSEND, **VAZQUEZ CANO**).

Members serve four-year terms. The Governor selects the chair and vice chair. The commission meets at the call of the chair or of a majority of commission members.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 327.500 and 327.502 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties

The Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century established quality education goals for the state's K-12 public schools.⁴ The commission determines the amount of funding needed to meet those goals.⁵ The commission must:⁶

- each biennium, determine the amount of moneys sufficient to ensure that the state's system of K-12 public education meets the quality goals;
- identify best practices based on research, data, professional judgment, and public values that lead to high student performance and the costs of implementing those best practices in the state's K-12 public schools; and
- each biennium, issue a report to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly that identifies current practices in the state's system of K-12 public education, the costs of continuing those practices, and the expected student performance under those practices, as well as the best practices for meeting the quality goals, the costs of implementing the best practices, and the expected student performance under the best practices; and at least two alternatives for meeting the quality goals.

⁴ [ORS Chapter 329 \(2023\)](#).

⁵ Oregon Department of Education, *Quality Education Commission Reports*, <https://www.oregon.gov/ode/reports-and-data/taskcomm/Pages/QEMReports.aspx> (last visited May 15, 2024).

⁶ [ORS 327.506 \(2023\)](#).



Quality Education Commission

Agency: **Education, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 327.500**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Education**

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Current Appointments

Ms Preus, Camille "Cam"

Term(s): **5/14/2021 - 5/13/2025**

Position Number: **1**

Mr Rexford, John M

Term(s): **8/1/2021 - 7/31/2025**

Position Number: **2**

8/1/2017 - 7/31/2021

9/26/2016 - 7/31/2017

Vazquez Cano, Manuel

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 7/31/2025**

Position Number: **3**

8/1/2024 - 7/31/2029

Ms Scott-Schwalbach, Reed A

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026**

Position Number: **4**

Dr Mooney, Patricia "Tricia" G

Term(s): **11/25/2023 - 11/24/2027**

Position Number: **5**

11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023

Ms Swander, Whitney M

Term(s): **5/14/2021 - 5/13/2025**

Position Number: **8**

Townsend, Andrea

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 7/31/2025**

Position Number: **9**

Ms Hepper, Dana T

Term(s): **11/25/2023 - 11/24/2027**

Position Number: **10**

11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023

Danzuka, Laurie

Term(s): **6/10/2022 - 6/9/2026**

Position Number: **11**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
6	Dr Henry, Samuel D	Governor	8/1/2019	7/31/2023
6	Dr Henry, Samuel D	Governor	2/17/2016	7/31/2019
6	Mr Wells, Doug A	Governor	3/1/2012	7/31/2015
6	Mr Wyse, Duncan E	Governor	8/1/2007	7/31/2011
6	Mr Wyse, Duncan E	Governor	8/1/2003	7/31/2007
6	Mr Wyse, Duncan E	Governor	9/10/2001	8/1/2003
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
7	Dr Sequeira, Carlos A EdD	Governor	11/25/2019	11/24/2023
7	Ms Boly, Sarah E	Governor	8/1/2014	7/31/2018
7	Ms Boly, Sarah E	Governor	10/1/2010	7/31/2014
7	Mr Backlund, Vic	Governor	12/1/2006	7/31/2010