

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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TRIMET BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the TriMet Board of Directors subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

JT Flowers of Portland

Erin Graham of Portland

Terms

Flowers: October 1, 2024 – May 24, 2026

Graham: October 1, 2024 – May 31, 2026

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 267.090 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven members, including:

- one individual from each of seven subdistricts (KIM (D1), **GRAHAM (D2)**, KELLOGG (D3), FRISBEE (D4), **FLOWERS (D5)**, LEWIS (D6), WAI (D7)).

Members serve four-year terms. The Governor must appoint one person who regularly uses the services provided by a mass transit system. Members must reside in the subdistrict from which they are appointed and must take an oath that they will honestly, faithfully, and impartially perform their duties.

Before appointing a member to the board of a district situated in a metropolitan statistical area with a population exceeding 400,000, the Governor must solicit recommendations from each city and county located wholly or partly within the subdistrict for which the appointment will be made.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 267.090 through 267.120 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

The board chooses a president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary, to serve for terms of two years. The board must hold monthly meetings.

Duties⁴

Mass Transit Districts are municipal corporations and are treated as local governments. The governing body of the most populous city in a metropolitan statistical area may propose the creation of a mass transit district if it finds that area-wide mass transit needs cannot be met by local transit operation. Once a mass transit district has been formed, the Governor appoints members of the board of directors. The territorial boundaries of a mass transit district include, at a minimum, the territory within the urban growth boundary of the city that proposed the creation of the district.

The board must:

- to the extent possible, purchase or lease only motor vehicles capable of using alternative fuel and report annually to the Department of Environmental Quality and the State Department of Energy on those vehicles and alternative fuels used;
- appoint a general manager to administer the operations of the district and enforce ordinances adopted by the board;
- determine annually the territory in the district within which the transit system of the district will operate; and
- prepare and revise as necessary a general plan for mass transit operation.

⁴ [ORS 267.107 through 267.430 \(2023\)](#).



Tri-Met Board

Agency: **Transportation, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 267.090**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **7**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Transportation & Infrastructure**

Board Admin: **Miles Pengilly**

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Current Appointments

Mr Kim, Eun Hyung "Thomas"

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**

District 1

Position Number: **1**

Graham, Erin

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 5/31/2026**

District 2

Position Number: **2**

Kellogg, Robert

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**

District 3

Position Number: **3**

Frisbee, Tyler

Term(s): **6/1/2023 - 5/31/2027**

District 4

Position Number: **4**

Flowers, JT

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 5/24/2026**

District 5

Position Number: **5**

Ms Wai, Kathy

Term(s): **5/25/2022 - 5/24/2026**

District 7

5/25/2018 - 5/24/2022

Position Number: **7**

Dr Lewis, LaVerne

Term(s): **3/1/2021 - 2/28/2025**

District 6

Position Number: **6**

Vacant Positions