

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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LEGISLATIVE POLICY
AND RESEARCH OFFICE

PUBLIC RECORDS ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Public Records Advisory Council subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Reappointees

Shasta Kearns Moore of West Linn

Mark Landauer of Portland

Terms

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2026

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 192.481 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The council consists of 14 members, including

- a representative of the news media who is a member in good standing of a professional journalism association (WALTH);
- two additional representatives of the news media (**KEARNS MOORE**, SUO);
- a representative of the cities (STAUFFER);
- a representative of the counties (GLASSON);
- a special districts representative (**LANDAUER**);
- a public sector workforce representative (GOTHARD);
- a member of the public (HERNANDEZ);
- the Secretary of State or designee (RUNKLES-PEARSON);
- the Attorney General or designee (KRON);
- the Oregon Department of Administrative Services Director or designee (CHIAPELLA);

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 192.481 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- a Senator, appointed by the President of the Senate, *ex officio*, nonvoting (THATCHER);
- a Representative, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, *ex officio*, nonvoting (ANDERSEN); and
- the Public Records Advocate (ALBERT).

Appointed members serve two-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. A majority of the voting members constitutes a quorum. The council must meet at least once every six months.

Duties⁴

The council works with the Public Records Advocate and the State Archives Division to study and make recommendations concerning the advocate's role, as well as practices, procedures, exemptions, and fees related to public records.

The council must

- nominate three qualified individuals to serve as the Public Records Advocate;
- periodically survey state agency and other public body practices and procedures for
 - receiving public records requests;
 - identifying the existence of responsive records, gathering them, and disclosing them;
 - determining fee estimates and imposing or waiving fees; and
 - determining and applying exemptions;
- periodically examine practices in other jurisdictions;
- identify inefficiencies and inconsistencies in application of the public records law;
- make recommendations for changes in law, policy, or practice that could enhance transparency;
- make recommendations on the role of the Public Records Advocate as facilitator in disputes between custodians of public records and public record requesters; and
- submit to the Governor and to the Legislative Assembly a biennial report that describes the findings of the council.

⁴ [ORS 192.461 \(2023\) to ORS 192.843 \(2023\)](#).



Public Records Advisory Council

Agency: **Governor's Office**

Authorization: **ORS 192.481**

Min Members: **13** Max Members: **14**

Term Length: **2** Term Limit: **None**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Intergovernmental Relations**

Board Admin: **Todd Albert**

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Current Appointments

Runkles-Pearson, Patricia "P.K."

Term(s): -

SOS Designee

Position Number: **1**

Kearns Moore, Shasta

Term(s): **1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026**

News Media Rep

11/19/2023 - 12/31/2024

Position Number: **5**

11/19/2021 - 11/18/2023

Kron, Michael

Term(s): -

AG Designee

Position Number: **2**

Mr Suo, Steven "Steve" N

Term(s): **1/1/2024 - 12/31/2025**

News Media Rep

1/1/2021 - 12/30/2023

Position Number: **6**

10/1/2017 - 9/30/2021

Chiapella, Andrea

Term(s): -

DAS Designee

Position Number: **3**

Walth, Brent

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 12/31/2025**

News Media Rep - Prof. Journalism Assoc.

Position Number: **4**

Mr Landauer, Mark J

Term(s): **1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026**

Special Districts Rep

1/1/2021 - 12/31/2024

Position Number: **9**

10/1/2017 - 9/30/2021

Stauffer, Scott

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

Cities Rep

Position Number: **7**

Mr Hernandez, Jose "Tony" A	Term(s):	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2024
Public Member		1/1/2022 - 12/31/2023
Position Number: 11		1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021
Glasson, William	Term(s):	2/16/2024 - 12/31/2025
Counties Representative		
Position Number: 8		
Gothard, Emily	Term(s):	6/10/2022 - 6/9/2025
Public Sector Workforce Rep		
Position Number: 10		
Senator Thatcher, Kim	Term(s):	-
Senator (ex-officio, non-voting)		
Position Number: 12		
Representative Andersen, Tom	Term(s):	-
Representative (ex-officio, non-voting)		
Position Number: 13		
Albert, Todd	Term(s):	11/1/2020 - 10/31/2024
Public Records Advocate		
Position Number: 14		

Vacant Positions
