

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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STATE LIBRARY BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the State Library Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Reappointee

Yelitza Vargas-Boots of Cascade Locks

Term

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 357.021 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consists of 10 members, including

- two individuals from two different state agencies (TATE, WEERAWARDENA);
- one public library representative from eastern Oregon (**VARGAS-BOOTS**);
- one public library representative from western Oregon (WILLIAMS);
- one public member from eastern Oregon (MALKIN);
- one public member from western Oregon (PERKINS);
- one community college or public university library representative (DEITERING);
- the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction (ROBERTS);
- the administrator of the Commission for the Blind (SCRIMENTI); and
- the State Librarian, *ex officio*, nonvoting (CORNELISEN).

Gubernatorial appointees serve four-year terms. The board selects its chair and vice chair. The board shall meet at least once every three months.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 357.021 and 357.023 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The board is the policy-making body for the State Library. The board must

- formulate general policies adopt rules;
- adopt long-range strategic plans and develop key performance measures;
- review and approve budget requests that align with the board’s long-range plans;
- develop, adopt, and modify a technology plan for the purchase of subscriptions statewide, for reference-based databases, digitization of records for public libraries, and integration of services provided by the State Library;
- conduct certifications of state agency libraries or library services;
- review and monitor the State Library and its work in the State Reference Coordinating Council;
- administer the State Library Donation Fund for the benefit of the State Library;
- report to the Legislative Assembly in January of each odd-numbered year on the State Library’s efforts to achieve its statutory mission;
- designate no more than 10 libraries as depository libraries, which shall be entitled to receive copies of government publications;
- administer assessments against state agencies for operating costs of the State Library and financial assistance grants to public, school, tribal, and academic libraries;
- establish minimum conditions for public; and
- administer financial assistance for public library services to children.

⁴ [ORS 357.026 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 357.026 to 357.780 \(2023\)](#).



Library Board, State

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 357.021**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **10**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Education**

Board Admin: **Wendy Cornelisen**

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Current Appointments

Mr Williams, Gregory "Greg" J

Public Library Rep (Western Oregon)

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022

Perkins, Nikotris

Public Member (Western Oregon)

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

Deitering, Anne-Marie

Community College or Public University Library Rep

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028**

Weerawardena, Sachi

State Agency Rep

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028**

Mr Tate, Benjamin "Ben" J

State Agency Rep

Position Number: **5**

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

9/23/2019 - 6/30/2023

Ms Malkin, Ann C

Public Member (Eastern Oregon)

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021

12/12/2014 - 6/30/2017

Vargas-Boots, Yelitza "Yeli"

Public Library Rep (Eastern OR)

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **7/1/2025 - 6/30/2029**

6/10/2022 - 6/30/2025

Roberts, Tina

Designee of the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **-**

Portillo, Jim

Term(s): -

Oregon Commission for the Blind Representative

Position Number: **9**

Cornelisen, Wendy

Term(s): -

State Librarian (ex officio, non-voting)

Position Number: **10**

Vacant Positions
