

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Oregon State Senate
DATE: April 18, 2023
BY: Leslie Porter
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



OREGONSERVES COMMISSION

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

New Appointee

June Bass of Portland

Reappointee

Sierra Barnes of Portland

Terms

Barnes: November 11, 2022 – November 24, 2025

Bass: April 26, 2023 – April 25, 2026

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 660.500 \(2021\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The commission consists of at least 15 and not more than 25 members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate. The term of office for each member appointed is three years, but members serve at the pleasure of the Governor.⁴

The members of the commission must be residents of this state who have a proven commitment to community service and who have a demonstrated interest in fostering and nurturing civic engagement as a strategy for strengthening communities and promoting the ethic of service in all sectors of this state. An individual member may represent more than one of the entities or organizations required to be represented.⁵

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2021\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 660.505 \(2021\)](#).

⁵ [Id.](#)

Membership must include⁶:

- an individual with experience in educational, training and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth (CRUZ);
- an individual with experience in promoting involvement of adults 55 years of age or older in service and volunteerism (**BASS**);
- a representative of community-based agencies or organizations within this state (VACANT);
- the Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction or designee;
- a representative of local governments in this state (McAFEE);
- a representative of local labor unions in this state (EDWARDS);
- a representative of business (VACANT);
- an individual between 16 and 25 years of age who is a participant in or supervisor of a national service program for school-age youth, or a campus-based or national service program (ALTAMIRANO);
- a representative of a national service program (CARPINELLO); and
- a representative of the volunteer sector (PALSHIKAR).

Membership may also include individuals from the following groups⁷:

- educators, including a representative from a post-secondary institution of education and local education agencies (JONES, VILLEGAS);
- experts in the delivery of human, educational, environmental, or public safety services to communities and individuals (**BARNES**, CUMBERBATCH, PRUCH; RIX; SNEAD);
- members or representatives of Native American tribes;
- at-risk youths or out-of-school youths; and
- entities that receive assistance under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973.

In making appointments of members, the Governor shall ensure that no more than 50 percent of the appointed members are from the same political party and no more than 25 percent of the appointed members are state employees. To the extent possible, the Governor shall ensure that membership is diverse with respect to race, ethnicity, age, gender, and disability characteristics.⁸

⁶ [ORS 660.505 \(2021\)](#).

⁷ [Id.](#)

⁸ [Id.](#)



The commission must select a commission member as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for terms, and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of those offices, as the commission determines. A majority of the members of the commission constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The commission must meet at least once every three months and at the call of the chairperson or of a majority of the members of the commission.⁹

Duties and Authority

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) is the federal agency that leads service, volunteering, and grant-making efforts in the United States under the AmeriCorps and Senior Corps programs.¹⁰ States that establish a Service Commission are eligible to receive grants through those programs. The commission is responsible for developing a comprehensive national service plan and administering national and community service programs in the state.¹¹

The commission must:¹²

- develop programs and provide oversight and administration of programs granted to this state by AmeriCorps under the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993;
- prepare state applications to AmeriCorps for financial assistance for state-based service programs;
- establish priorities for volunteerism and develop a three-year, comprehensive national and community service plan;
- coordinate national service and volunteer service in statewide activities for disaster preparedness, response and relief activities and climate mitigation;
- promote engagement in volunteerism and service for the purpose of strengthening communities in Oregon; and
- biennially submit a report to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly which: details commission activities during the preceding two years; reviews and summarizes the content of reports accepted by the commission on behalf of the Governor; assesses the state of national service in Oregon; and contains specific recommendations for any additional legislation the commission deems necessary

⁹ [ORS 660.508 \(2021\)](#).

¹⁰ Corporation for National and Community Service, *About CNCS*, <https://nationalservice.gov/about> (last visited April 2, 2023).

¹¹ Higher Education Coordinating Commission, *Oregon Volunteers Commission*, <https://www.oregon.gov/highered/institutions-programs/workforce/Pages/oregon-volunteers-commission.aspx> (last visited April 2, 2023).

¹² [ORS 660.515 \(2021\)](#).



to carry out the purpose of the Oregon Volunteer and Community Service Act or to improve the effectiveness or efficiency of the commission.

The commission may:

- establish advisory and technical committees as the commission considers necessary to aid and advise the commission in the performance of commission functions;¹³ and
- apply for and accept grants, contributions and assistance from any federal, state or local government agency and any foundation, individual, or organization.¹⁴

¹³ [ORS 660.511 \(2021\)](#).

¹⁴ [ORS 660.523 \(2021\)](#).



OregonServes

Agency: **Higher Education**

Authorization: **ORS 660.500**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Human Services**

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**

Cruz, Jorge A

Term(s): **12/1/2020 - 11/30/2023**

Representative: Expert in education, training and development needs of Youth, particularly disadvantaged youth*; (Secondary: National Service Program Representative)

12/1/2017 - 11/30/2020

Position Number: **3**

Pruch, Jared

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

Representative: Community-based Agency

Position Number: **4**

Mrs Snead, Courtney M

Term(s): **12/17/2018 - 12/16/2021**

Services Expert Representative: Civic Engagement

Position Number: **7**

Mr Jones, Todd M

Term(s): **11/25/2019 - 11/24/2022**

Representative: Educator (K-12)

Position Number: **8**

McAfee, Adele D

Term(s): **12/1/2020 - 11/30/2023**

Representative: Local Government

12/1/2017 - 11/30/2020

Position Number: **10**

Mr Rix, Nathan K

Term(s): **9/23/2019 - 9/22/2022**

Representative: National Service Program

Position Number: **13**

Cumberbatch, Shenika L	Term(s):	11/25/2019 - 11/24/2022
Services Expert: Public Policy (Secondary: National Service Representative)		
Position Number: 14		
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		
Mr Villegas, Elias P	Term(s):	12/1/2020 - 11/30/2023
Post-Secondary Education Representative		
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
5	Mr Cornelius, Ross W	Governor	12/1/2017	11/30/2020
5	Mr Kronberger, Bernd "Bernie" R	Governor	3/1/2016	2/28/2019
5	Mr Kronberger, Bernd "Bernie" R	Governor	4/1/2013	2/28/2016
5	Mr Little, William S	Governor	3/1/2010	2/28/2013
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
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
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End