

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Oregon State Senate  
DATE: May 9, 2023  
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst  
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



## WORKERS' COMPENSATION MANAGEMENT-LABOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointee

Sarah Merrick of Salem

### Term

May 22, 2023 – May 21, 2026

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 656.790 \(2021\)](#)

### Statement of Economic Interest<sup>2</sup>

Required.

### Statutory Requirements<sup>3</sup>

The committee consists of 11 members, 10 of whom are appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.<sup>4</sup> Five appointees must be from organized labor and represent subject workers (CALZIA, GRAIL, **MERRICK**, STRICKLAND, WEDDELL), and five members must represent subject employers (DUCKWALL, HEARN, MCKENZIE, PRIEST, VACANT). The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services is an ex officio member (STOLFI). Appointed members serve three-year terms.

### Duties and Authority

The committee provides an effective forum for business and labor to meet, explore, and resolve issues involving the workers' compensation system.<sup>5</sup> The committee must:<sup>6</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

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

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 656.790 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>5</sup> Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, *Management-Labor Advisory Committee*, <https://www.oregon.gov/dcbs/mlac/Pages/mlac.aspx> (last visited April 29, 2023).

<sup>6</sup> [ORS 656.790 \(2021\)](#).

- biennially review the standards for evaluation of permanent disability and recommend to the director factors to be included or such other modification of application of the standards as the committee considers appropriate;
- biennially review and make recommendations about permanent partial disability benefits;
- advise the director regarding any proposed changes in the operation of programs funded by the Workers' Benefit Fund and review any plan the agency devises to increase the balance of the fund;
- report the committee's findings to the director for such action as the director deems appropriate; and
- report to the Legislative Assembly such findings and recommendations as the committee considers appropriate, including a report on: decisions of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals that have significant impact on the workers' compensation system; adequacy of workers' compensation benefits; medical and legal system costs; adequacy of assessments for reserve programs and administrative costs; and the operation of programs funded by the Workers' Benefit Fund.



## Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory Committee

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 656.790**

Min Members: **10** Max Members: **11**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Labor/Trades**

Board Admin: **Theresa Van Winkle**

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### Current Appointments

**Mr Stolfi, Andrew R**

DCBS Director, Ex Officio

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): -

**Calzia, Matthew "Matt"**

Labor

Position Number: **2**

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

**Hearn, Ryan**

Employer Rep

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 4/25/2026**

**Ms Bowers, Tamara D**

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **3/1/2019 - 2/28/2022**

**3/1/2017 - 2/28/2019**

**3/5/2015 - 2/28/2017**

**Ms Grail, Marcia L**

Labor

Position Number: **5**

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

**Mckenzie, John**

Management

Position Number: **6**

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

**Mrs Fullerton, Jill D**

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **3/15/2019 - 3/14/2022**

**12/17/2018 - 3/14/2019**

**Merrick, Sarah**

Labor Rep

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **5/22/2023 - 5/21/2026**

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**Mr Strickland, Scott M**

Term(s):

**9/19/2021 - 9/18/2024**

Labor Rep

**10/1/2020 - 9/18/2021**

Position Number: **8**

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**Priest, Patrick**

Term(s):

**11/19/2021 - 11/18/2024**

Management

Position Number: **9**

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**Ms Weddell, Margaret F Esq**

Term(s):

**11/19/2021 - 11/18/2024**

Labor

Position Number: **10**

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**Duckwall, Sara**

Term(s):

**11/19/2021 - 11/18/2024**

Management

Position Number: **11**

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## Vacant Positions

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