

Memorandum

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



COMMISSION ON ASIAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER AFFAIRS

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Padma Akkaraju of Corvallis
Aparna Rajagopal-Durbin of Eugene

Terms

Akkaraju: April 26, 2023 – April 25, 2027
Rajagopal-Durbin: April 26, 2023 – May 24, 2025

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 185.610 \(2021\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The commission consists of 11 members;⁴

- one Senator appointed by the President of the Senate (DEMBROW);
- one Representative appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives (VACANT); and
- nine members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate (**AKKARAJU**, BULLING, IGLESIAS, LEUNG, MCCLELLAN, PANDYA, PHAN, **RAJAGOPAL-DURBIN**, and TANEGA).

All members must be residents of this state. Members serve four-year terms. The commission must elect a chairperson and vice chairperson for a term of one year and determine the duties of the officers. A majority of members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. Appointments shall be made to ensure the ethnic representation of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Oregon.

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2021\)](#), [ORS 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 185.610 \(2021\)](#).

Duties and Authority

The commission must work for the implementation and establishment of economic, social, legal and political equality for Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in this state and to maintain a continuing assessment of the issues and needs confronting Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in this state.⁵

The commission must:⁶

- identify barriers to the economic development and trade opportunities of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans within this state, and advise state agencies and officials on issues related to those barriers;
- establish an Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs Network to facilitate the work of the commission;
- identify and examine the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this state;
- compile information relating to services available to Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this state, including but not limited to education and training programs, work programs, dispute resolution programs, trade opportunities, housing programs, health programs, mental health programs including alcohol and drug services, and welfare programs from local, state and federal sources and through private agencies;
- develop and sponsor programs in cooperation with Asian and Pacific Islander American groups and organizations to inform Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this state of services available to them;
- assess all programs of state agencies operating for the benefit of Asian and Pacific Islander American residents of this state and make recommendations to the appropriate agencies for the improvement of those programs;
- serve as liaison to other state boards and commissions as required by law;
- submit to the Governor at the beginning of each biennium a report that describes the needs of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans and that specifies the programs, projects, and activities that the commission will undertake regarding those needs; and
- meet at least annually in a joint meeting of the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs, the Commission on Hispanic Affairs, the Commission on Black Affairs, and the Commission for Women to consider and act upon issues of mutual importance to the missions and statutory duties of the commissions.

⁵ [ORS 185.625 \(2021\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 185.620 \(2021\)](#).



Asian and Pacific Islanders Affairs, Commission on

Agency: **Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office**

Authorization: **ORS 185.610**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Racial Justice and Equity**

Board Admin: **Albert Lee**

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Current Appointments

Rajagopal-Durbin, Aparna

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 5/24/2025**

Position Number: **1**

Ms Leung, Jacqueline "Jackie"

Term(s): **9/25/2020 - 9/24/2024**

Position Number: **2**

9/25/2017 - 9/24/2020

Iglesias, John

Term(s): **11/20/2021 - 11/19/2025**

Position Number: **3**

Pandya, Hiral

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

Position Number: **4**

Tanega, Joselito

Term(s): **9/25/2024 - 9/24/2028**

Position Number: **5**

4/26/2023 - 9/24/2024

McClellan, Marilyn

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026**

Position Number: **6**

Bulling, Lorne

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 3/14/2025**

Position Number: **7**

Phan, Sam

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026**

Position Number: **8**

Akkaraju, Padma

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 4/25/2027**

Position Number: **9**

Senator Dembrow, Michael

Term(s): **-**

Senator

Position Number: **10**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
11	Ms Cox, Susan S	Governor	9/25/2020	9/24/2024
11	Ms Cox, Susan S	Governor	6/1/2017	5/31/2020
11	Ms Cox, Susan S	Governor	12/19/2016	5/31/2017
11	Ms Jonathan, Kathleen	Governor	6/1/2014	5/31/2017
11	Mr Mamaril, Simeon D	Governor	4/10/2009	4/9/2012
11	Mr Mamaril, Simeon D	Governor	10/1/2008	4/9/2009