

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Interim Committee on Rules
and Executive Appointments

DATE: October 31, 2025

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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OREGON CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission subject to Senate confirmation..¹

New Appointments

Marcia Harnden of Albany

Mark Leymon of Portland

Terms

November 20, 2025 – November 19, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 137.654 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission consists of 12 members, nine of whom are Governor appointed. Membership includes:⁴

- one elected district attorney (PAROSA);
- one defense attorney (MACPHERSON);
- one county sheriff or chief of police (**HARNDEN**);
- one community corrections director, who is not a sheriff (BEACH);
- one county commissioner (FREEMAN);
- one person with experience providing community-based treatment for persons with substance use disorder or a behavioral health condition (HARRIS);
- one person associated with an academic institution and who has research experience in criminal justice, or a related field (**LEYMON**);
- one victim services program representative (NORTON);

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 137.654 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ This language reflects changes made by [HB 3069 \(2025\)](#), which has not yet reflected in online statute.

- one community-based reentry or social services organization representative (SOLOMON);
- one senator, appointed by the President of the Senate, *nonvoting*; (PROZANSKI);
- one representative, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, *nonvoting* (LEWIS); and
- a judicial department representative, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, *nonvoting* (MILLER).

Members serve four-year terms, at the pleasure of their appointing authority (or until the end of a legislative member's legislative term, whichever occurs first). No more than four of the members appointed by the Governor may be of the same political party. The Governor appoints the chair. Members are eligible for reappointment but may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

Duties⁵

The primary duty of the commission is to develop and maintain a criminal justice policy and a comprehensive, long-range plan for a coordinated state criminal justice system encompassing public safety, offender accountability, crime reduction and prevention, and offender treatment and rehabilitation. Its duties include:

- conducting joint studies by agreement with other state entities on any matter within its jurisdiction;
- serving as a clearinghouse for the collection, preparation, analysis, and dissemination of information on state and local sentencing practices and best practices applicable to drug court programs;
- providing technical assistance and support to local public safety coordinating councils;
- receiving grant applications to start or expand drug court programs and making rules to govern the administration of grant programs and funds;
- preparing racial and ethnic impact statements for proposed legislation;
- amending criminal sentencing guidelines and submitting proposed amendments to the Legislative Assembly for approval; and
- at the direction of the chair, creating committees within the commission.

⁵ [ORS 137.656 to 137.685 \(2023\)](#).



Criminal Justice Commission, Oregon

Agency: **Criminal Justice Commission**

Authorization: **ORS 137.654 || HB 3069 (2025)**

Min Members: **9** Max Members: **12**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Public Safety**

Board Admin: **Jeni Deuchars**

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Current Appointments

Mr Solomon, Paul J

CBO Rep; Democrat

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **9**

Term(s): **2/18/2024 - 2/17/2028**

9/28/2022 - 2/17/2024

DA Parosa, Christopher

Elected DA; Democrat

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **5/1/2025 - 4/30/2029**

Macpherson, Carl IV

Elected Defense Attorney; Unaffiliated

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 10/4/2027**

Harnden, Marcia

County Sheriff or Chief of Police Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **11/20/2025 - 11/19/2029**

Mr Freeman, Timothy "Tim" J

County Commissioner; Republican

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **2/18/2024 - 2/17/2028**

9/28/2022 - 2/17/2024

Ms Beach, Jessica L

Community Corrections Director; Unaffiliated

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **12/13/2024 - 12/12/2028**

12/13/2020 - 12/12/2024

9/28/2018 - 12/12/2020

Harris, Holly	Term(s):	5/1/2025 - 4/30/2029
Community-Based Treatment; Democrat		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: 6		
Leymon, Mark	Term(s):	11/20/2025 - 11/19/2029
Academic Institution Rep		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: 7		
Ms Norton, Elizabeth "Lisa" M	Term(s):	10/5/2023 - 11/18/2025
Qualified Victim Services Program Rep; Not Registered		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: 8		
Senator Prozanski, Floyd Senator	Term(s):	-
Senator (non-voting)		
Appointed By: Senate President		
Position Number: 10		
Rep. Lewis, Rick	Term(s):	-
State Rep (non-voting)		
Appointed By: House Speaker		
Position Number: 11		
Miller, Amy	Term(s):	9/15/2025 -
Judicial Department Rep (non-voting)		
Appointed By: Chief Justice		
Position Number: 12		

Vacant Positions