

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Interim 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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## OREGON GROWTH BOARD

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Growth Board subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointment

Sohel Hussain of Happy Valley

### Reappointment

Jennifer Peet of Portland

### Terms

January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2030

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 284.883 \(2023\)](#)

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

Required.

### Composition<sup>3</sup>

The board consists of 10 – 12 members, including:

- eight Governor appointees, which must include at least one person from each congressional district:
  - two appointees selected from recommendations provided by leadership of the Senate or House of Representatives, who do not belong to the same political party (**HUSSAIN (D) (CD3)**, **VACANT**);
  - one individual with banking experience (**MCGRANE (CD5)**);
  - one individual with credit union operations experience (**NELSON (CD1)**);
  - one individual with investments management experience (**GALLARDO AVILA (CD5)**);
  - one small business employer (**PARSONS (CD4)**);
  - two at-large members (**PEET (CD1)**, **MARTIN (CD6)**);

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 284.883 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- the State Treasurer, *ex officio* (STEINER).
- two members of the Legislative Assembly with different party membership and who are appointed by agreement of:
  - the President and Minority Leader of the Senate, *nonvoting* (VACANT); and
  - the Speaker and Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, *nonvoting* (NGUYEN); and
- the Director of the Oregon Business Development Department, or designee, *nonvoting* (CHEANG).

The board selects one of its members as chair and another as a liaison with local governments. A majority of the voting members of the board constitutes a quorum. The Oregon Business Development Department must provide staff to the board.

### **Duties<sup>4</sup>**

The board formulates and implements policies to encourage investment in, and availability of, capital to Oregon businesses. The board must:

- maintain, invest, and reinvest moneys in the Oregon Growth Fund and the Oregon Growth Account;
- adopt rules concerning permissible investments, activities, and services;
- make recommendations to the Legislative Assembly regarding: General Fund appropriations to the Oregon Growth Fund; incentives for private investment in the Oregon Growth Fund that further investment, capital availability, job creation, and economic development; the use of moneys in the Oregon Growth Account to earn returns for the Education Stability Fund; and needed legislation;
- report annually to the Legislative Assembly regarding implementation, administration, and investment of the Oregon Growth Board; and
- provide reports regarding Oregon Growth Account investments.

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<sup>4</sup> [ORS 284.885 to 284.887 \(2023\)](#).



## Growth Board, Oregon

Agency: **Business Development Department, Oregon**

Authorization: **ORS 284.883**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Jobs/Economy**

Board Admin: **Ricardo Lopez**

Address:

**OBDD**

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**Portland, OR 97204**

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## Current Appointments

**Senator Bonham, Daniel**

Senator

Appointed By: Senate President

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **6/27/2024 -**

**Hussain, Sohel**

CD3; Democrat

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **1/1/2026 - 12/31/2029**

**Ms McGrane, Wendy J**

CD 5; Banker; Not Registered

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026**

**4/1/2019 - 12/31/2022**

**Nelson, Amy**

CD 1; Credit Union Rep; Unaffiliated

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

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

**Ms Parsons, Sabrina B**

CD 4; Small Business Rep; Democrat

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026**

**1/1/2019 - 12/31/2022**

**9/25/2017 - 12/31/2018**

**Peet, Jennifer**

CD1; At Large

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **1/1/2026 - 12/31/2029**

**6/10/2022 - 12/31/2025**

<b>Representative Nguyen, Daniel</b>	Term(s):	-
House Speaker Appt		
Appointed By: House Speaker		
Position Number: <b>8</b>		
<b>Treasurer Steiner, Elizabeth</b>	Term(s):	-
Treasurer		
Appointed By: Statute/Bill		
Position Number: <b>9</b>		
<b>Director Cheang, Sophorn</b>	Term(s):	-
Ex Officio - OBDD Director		
Appointed By: Statute/Bill		
Position Number: <b>10</b>		
<b>Gallardo Avila, Yesenia</b>	Term(s):	<b>2/16/2024 - 12/31/2027</b>
Investment Management Experience; CD 5		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: <b>11</b>		
<b>Martin, Aditi</b>	Term(s):	<b>2/16/2024 - 12/31/2027</b>
CD 6; At-Large		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: <b>12</b>		

## Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
3	Schulz-Oliver, Amber H	Governor	1/1/2020	12/31/2023
3	Mr Coonan, James R	Governor	1/1/2016	12/31/2019
3	Mr Coonan, James R	Governor	6/1/2012	12/31/2015