

# 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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## JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY COMMISSION

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Juvenile Justice Policy Commission, subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointments

Emily La Brecque of Portland

Mike Tessean of Salem

### Reappointments

Kyla Armstrong-Romero of Portland

Brendan Murphy of Salem

Molly Rogers of The Dalles

Mike Tessean of Salem

### Terms

Armstrong-Romero, Murphy, Rogers: January 2, 2026 – January 1, 2030

La Brecque: November 20, 2025 – January 1, 2027

Tessean: November 20, 2025 – January 1, 2026

Tessean: January 2, 2026 – January 1, 2030

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 419A.289 \(2023\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The commission consists of 17 members, 12 of whom are appointed by the Governor.

Membership includes:

- one Oregon Youth Authority representative (**TESSEAN**);
- one Department of Human Services representative (GEELAN);
- one Department of Education representative (DETMAN);
- two county juvenile departments directors (**ARMSTRONG-ROMERO, ROGERS**);

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

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

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 419A.289 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- one office of public defense services representative with experience in juvenile delinquency (KEAST);
- one Oregon District Attorney's Association representative with experience prosecuting juvenile delinquency (**MURPHY**);
- one youth advocacy organization representative (WILLIAMS);
- one victim advocacy organization representative (**LA BRECQUE**);
- one member of a federally recognized Indian tribe in Oregon (VACANT);
- one public member with experience in the juvenile justice system (ROJO);
- one public member who is a family member of a youth in the juvenile justice system (DAVALA);
- two senators, of different political parties, appointed by the President of the Senate, *ex officio, nonvoting* (VACANT, VACANT);
- two representatives, of different political parties, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, *ex officio, nonvoting* (ANDERSON (D), LEWIS (R)); and
- one Judicial Department representative, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court (VACANT).

Non-legislative members serve four-year terms; legislators serve either four-year terms, or until the end of their legislative term—whichever comes first. Members are eligible for reappointment but may serve only two consecutive terms. Non-state employees and legislators receive per diem. The Governor selects the chair, who serves as chair for one year. The voting members select the vice chair.

## Duties<sup>4</sup>

The Commission is established within the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission to provide data-driven policy recommendations to strengthen public safety and improve youth outcomes in the juvenile justice system. It must provide a report to the Legislative Assembly by September 1 of each even-numbered year. The Commission shall oversee and examine:

- key drivers of system involvement and opportunities for improved diversion and restorative justice;
- drivers of detention and residential placement and any available or needed alternatives;
- policies and practices of assessment, court process, community supervisions and reentry;
- service delivery for youth under supervision, with evaluation of whether resources are used efficiently and whether collaboration is effective;

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<sup>4</sup> [ORS 419A.289 through 419A.292 \(2023\)](#).



- racial, ethnic, and other disparities among youth impacted by the system;
- efficiency and effectiveness of state and county quality assurance, data collection, and reporting and oversight systems;
- opportunities for better alignment with constitutional mandates, local and national best practices, and research;
- public safety within the context of personal responsibility, accountability and reformation; and
- victim rights.



## Juvenile Justice Policy Commission

Agency: **Criminal Justice Commission**

Authorization: **ORS 419A.289**

Min Members: **0** Max Members: **17**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Public Safety**

Board Admin: **Ryan Keck**

Address:

**Ryan.KECK@cjc.oregon.gov**

## Current Appointments

### **Tessean, Michael**

OYA Rep (Director)

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

**1/2/2026 - 1/1/2030**

**11/20/2025 - 1/1/2026**

### **Geelan, Mary**

ODHS Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

**1/2/2025 - 1/1/2029**

**2/16/2024 - 1/1/2025**

### **Detman, Brian**

ODE Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

**1/2/2025 - 1/1/2028**

**10/1/2024 - 1/1/2025**

### **Armstrong-Romero, Kyla**

County Juvenile Director

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

**1/2/2026 - 1/1/2030**

**2/16/2024 - 1/1/2026**

### **Ms Rogers, Molly A**

County Juvenile Director, Wasco County

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

**1/2/2026 - 1/1/2030**

**2/16/2024 - 1/1/2026**

### **Keast, Tiffany**

Office of Public Defense Services Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

**10/1/2025 - 1/1/2029**

### **Murphy, Brendan**

ODAA, Senior Deputy District Attorney

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

**1/2/2026 - 1/1/2030**

**2/16/2024 - 1/1/2026**

<b>Williams, Lisa Kay</b>	Term(s):	<b>2/16/2024 - 1/1/2027</b>
Youth Advocacy Org Rep		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: <b>8</b>		
<b>Brewer, Rosemary</b>	Term(s):	<b>10/1/2024 - 1/1/2027</b>
Victim Advocacy Org Rep		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: <b>9</b>		
<b>La Brecque, Emily</b>	Term(s):	<b>11/20/2025 - 1/1/2027</b>
Victim Services Provider		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: <b>9</b>		
<b>Rojo, Pablo</b>	Term(s):	<b>2/16/2024 - 1/1/2027</b>
Public Member w/ experience as Youth in Juvenile System		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: <b>11</b>		
<b>Davala, Laurie</b>	Term(s):	<b>2/16/2024 - 1/1/2027</b>
Public Member w/ experience as family of youth in juvenile system		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: <b>12</b>		
<b>Representative Lewis, Rick E</b>	Term(s):	-
House Speaker Appointment		
Appointed By: House Speaker		
Position Number: <b>15</b>		
<b>Representative Andersen, Tom</b>	Term(s):	-
Representative		
Appointed By: House Speaker		
Position Number: <b>16</b>		

## Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
10	<i>No prior appointments</i>			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
13	<i>No prior appointments</i>			

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
14	No prior appointments			
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
17	No prior appointments			