

# 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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## PUBLIC RECORDS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Public Records Advisory Council subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointments

Michael Andersen of Portland

April Ehrlich of Portland

### Reappointments

William Glasson of Portland

Brent Walth of Portland

### Terms

January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2027

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 192.481 \(2023\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The council consists of 14 members, including:

- one news media representative who is a member, in good standing, of a professional journalism association (**WALTH**);
- two additional news media representatives (**EHRLICH**, KEARNS MOORE);
- one cities representative (STAUFFER);
- one counties representative (**GLASSON**);
- one special districts representative (LANDAUER);
- one public sector workforce representative (GOTHARD);
- one public member (M. **ANDERSEN**);
- the Secretary of State or designee (CLARK);

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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 192.481 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- the Attorney General, or designee (VACANT);
- the Oregon Department of Administrative Services Director, or designee (DUKE);
- a Senator, appointed by the President of the Senate, *ex officio, nonvoting* (THATCHER);
- a Representative, appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, *ex officio, nonvoting* (T. ANDERSEN); and
- the Public Records Advocate (ALBERT).

Appointed members serve two-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. A majority of the voting members constitutes a quorum. The council must meet at least once every six months.

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

The council works with the Public Records Advocate and the State Archives Division to study and make recommendations concerning the advocate's role, as well as practices, procedures, exemptions, and fees related to public records.

The council must:

- nominate three qualified individuals to serve as the Public Records Advocate;
- periodically survey state agency and other public body practices and procedures for:
  - receiving public records requests;
  - identifying the existence of responsive records, and gathering and disclosing them;
  - determining fee estimates and imposing or waiving fees; and
  - determining and applying exemptions;
- periodically examine practices in other jurisdictions;
- identify inefficiencies and inconsistencies in application of the public records law;
- make recommendations for changes in law, policy, or practice that could enhance transparency;
- make recommendations on the role of the Public Records Advocate as facilitator in disputes between custodians of public records and public record requesters; and
- submit to the Governor and to the Legislative Assembly a biennial report that describes the findings of the council.

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<sup>4</sup> [ORS 192.461 \(2023\) to ORS 192.843 \(2023\)](#).



## Public Records Advisory Council

Agency: **Governor's Office**

Authorization: **ORS 192.481**

Min Members: **13**    Max Members: **14**

Term Length: **2**    Term Limit: **None**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Intergovernmental Relations**

Board Admin: **Todd Albert**

Address:

, **OR**

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## Current Appointments

### **Clark, Stephanie**

SOS Designee

Appointed By: Secretary of State

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **12/10/2024 -**

### **Kearns Moore, Shasta**

News Media Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026**  
**11/19/2023 - 12/31/2024**  
**11/19/2021 - 11/18/2023**

### **Duke, Bryanna**

DAS Designee

Appointed By: Statute/Bill

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **-**

### **Walth, Brent**

News Media Representative (Prof Journalism Assoc)

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **1/1/2026 - 12/31/2027**  
**2/16/2024 - 12/31/2025**

### **Mr Landauer, Mark J**

Special Districts Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **9**

Term(s): **1/1/2025 - 12/31/2026**  
**1/1/2021 - 12/31/2024**  
**10/1/2017 - 9/30/2021**

### **Ehrlich, April**

News Media Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **1/1/2026 - 12/31/2027**

<b>Stauffer, Scott</b>	Term(s):	<b>6/10/2022 - 6/9/2026</b>
Cities Rep		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: <b>7</b>		
<b>Glasson, William</b>	Term(s):	<b>1/1/2026 - 12/31/2027</b>
Counties Rep		<b>2/16/2024 - 12/31/2025</b>
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: <b>8</b>		
<b>Gothard, Emily</b>	Term(s):	<b>6/10/2022 - 6/9/2025</b>
Public Sector Workforce Rep		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: <b>10</b>		
<b>Andersen, Michael</b>	Term(s):	<b>1/1/2026 - 12/31/2027</b>
Public Member		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: <b>11</b>		
<b>Senator Thatcher, Kim</b>	Term(s):	-
Senator (ex-officio, non-voting)		
Appointed By: Senate President		
Position Number: <b>12</b>		
<b>Representative Andersen, Tom</b>	Term(s):	-
Representative (ex-officio, non-voting)		
Appointed By: House Speaker		
Position Number: <b>13</b>		
<b>Albert, Todd</b>	Term(s):	<b>11/1/2020 - 10/31/2024</b>
Public Records Advocate		
Appointed By: Statute/Bill		
Position Number: <b>14</b>		

## Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
2	Kearns Moore, Shasta	Governor	11/19/2021	11/18/2023
2	Mr Zaitz, Leslie "Les" L	Governor	10/1/2017	9/30/2021
2	Kron, Michael	Attorney General		