

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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QUALITY EDUCATION COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Quality Education Commission subject to Senate confirmation..¹

New Appointment

Karinn Calhoun of Medford

Term

November 20, 2025 – July 31, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 327.500 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission consists of 11 members, including

- at-large members (BRADSHAW, HEPPER, DANZUKA, PREUS, SCOTT-SCHWALBACH, VAZQUEZ CANO, VACANT, VACANT); and
- no more than five school district employees (**CALHOUN**, MOONEY, VACANT).

Members serve four-year terms. The Governor selects the chair and vice chair. The commission meets at the call of the chair or of a majority of commission members.

Duties⁴

The commission determines the amount of funding needed to meet the quality educational goals for K – 12 public schools established in The Oregon Educational Act for the 21st Century.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 327.500 and 327.502 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 327.506 \(2023\)](#).

The commission must:

- determine the amount of moneys sufficient to ensure that the state's system of K – 12 public education meets the quality goals, each biennium;
- identify best practices based on research, data, professional judgment, and public values that lead to high student performance and the costs of implementing those best practices in the state's K – 12 public schools; and
- issue a report to the Governor and the Legislative Assembly, prior to August 1 of each even-numbered year, that identifies:
 - current practices in the K – 12 public education system, their costs, and expected student performance under them;
 - the best practices for meeting the quality goals, their implementation costs, and expected student performance under them; and
 - at least two alternatives for meeting the quality goals.



Quality Education Commission

Agency: **Education, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 327.500**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Education**

Board Admin: **Dan Farley**

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Current Appointments

Ms Preus, Camille "Cam"

Non-District

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **5/14/2025 - 5/13/2029**

5/14/2021 - 5/13/2025

Dr Mooney, Patricia "Tricia" G

District

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **11/25/2023 - 11/24/2027**

11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023

Calhoun, Karinn

District

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **11/20/2025 - 7/31/2029**

Vazquez Cano, Manuel

Non-District

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **11**

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 7/31/2025**

8/1/2024 - 7/31/2029

Bradshaw, Melissa

Non-District

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **5/1/2025 - 7/31/2028**

Danzuka, Laurie

Non-District

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **7**

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

Ms Scott-Schwalbach, Reed A	Term(s):	3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026
Non-District		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: 9		

Ms Hepper, Dana T	Term(s):	11/25/2023 - 11/24/2027
Non-District		11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: 10		

Vacant Positions				
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
3	Vazquez Cano, Manuel	Governor	10/1/2024	7/31/2025
3	Ms Cox, Monica B	Governor	3/1/2022	7/31/2025
3	Mr Gill, Colt J	Governor	8/1/2015	7/31/2019
3	Mr Gill, Colt J	Governor	6/1/2012	7/31/2015
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
4	Mr Larson, Charles J	Governor	2/14/2018	7/31/2021
4	Ms Vaandering, Johanna R	Governor	9/18/2013	7/31/2017
4	Mrs Rasmussen, Gail M	Governor	8/1/2011	7/31/2015
4	Mrs Rasmussen, Gail M	Governor	3/1/2010	7/31/2011
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
5	Dr Mooney, Patricia "Tricia" G	Governor	11/25/2019	11/24/2023
5	Dr Russell, Maryalice	Governor	8/1/2015	7/31/2019
5	Dr Russell, Maryalice	Governor	8/1/2011	7/31/2015
5	Dr Russell, Maryalice	Governor	3/1/2010	7/31/2011
5	Dr Sommer, Deborah L	Governor	10/1/2007	7/31/2011