

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: February 2, 2026
BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Commission for the Blind subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointment

Michael Babcock of Coos Bay

Term

February 20, 2026 – February 19, 2030

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 346.130 \(2025\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission consists of seven members:

- four blind individuals (**BABCOCK**, BROOME, McGARY, PORTER); and
- three individuals from among:
 - employers (HUDSON);
 - labor;
 - optometry (LABRUM);
 - ophthalmology; and
 - education of persons who are blind (WALL).

Only one appointee may represent the same area during the same term. Appointments should be made from the five areas on a rotating basis. Members serve four-year terms and are removed from office if absent from three consecutive meetings or more than one-third of the scheduled meetings in one year.

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4, ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2025\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2025\)](#).

³ [ORS 346.130 \(2025\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2025\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2025\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The commission serves the needs of Oregon's citizens who experience vision loss and need specialized training and support to lead full and productive lives. Its duties include:

- establishing and administering programs for the welfare of persons with visual impairments, including cooperation by contract or otherwise with public and private agencies in providing services, programs, and facilities for persons with visual impairments;
- responsibility for the fiscal oversight, including development of the commission's budget, review of financial statements, and directing resources to implement program goals;
- employing an administrator;
- maintaining a confidential register of persons who are blind, describing the extent of blindness, and other information;
- administering programs for the conservation and restoration of sight and the prevention of blindness, and for vocational rehabilitation;
- cooperating with Department of Human Services to administer programs;
- overseeing the administration of vending facilities in public buildings or on public property; and
- ensuring the active participation of the commission's business enterprise consumer committee in major administrative, policy, and program development decisions that impact the commission's business enterprise program.

⁴ [ORS 346.120 to 346.570 \(2025\)](#).



Blind, Commission for the

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 346.130**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **7**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **3**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Human Services**

Board Admin: **Dacia Johnson**

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Current Appointments

Ms Goodman, Lillian N

Person Who is Blind

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **11/17/2021 - 11/16/2025**
12/17/2018 - 11/16/2021

Mr Babcock, Michael A

Person Who is Blind

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **2/20/2026 - 2/19/2030**
11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023

Dr. Labrum, Alan

Optometrist or Ophthalmologist

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **10/1/2023 - 9/30/2027**
9/28/2022 - 9/30/2023

Porter, Nelacey

Person who is blind

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **11/20/2025 - 2/15/2028**

Mrs Hudson, Laurel K

Employer

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **9/25/2024 - 9/24/2028**
9/26/2020 - 9/24/2024
9/26/2016 - 9/25/2020

Ms Broome, Nadeera A

Person who is Blind

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **6/16/2025 - 6/15/2029**
3/15/2021 - 6/15/2025

McGary, Stephanie

Term(s):

6/5/2024 - 6/4/2028

Person Who is Blind

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Wall, Scott

Term(s):

3/1/2025 - 2/28/2029

Education Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **7**

Vacant Positions
