

# Memorandum

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BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst  
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OREGON PUBLIC DEFENSE COMMISSION**

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The Governor has appointed the following individual to serve as the Executive Director of the Oregon Public Defense Commission, subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### **Appointee**

Ken Sanchagrin of Salem

### **Term**

March 1, 2026 – February 28, 2030

### **Appointment/Confirmation Authority**

[ORS 151.213 \(2025\)](#)

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

Required.

### **Duties**

#### **Oregon Public Defense Commission (Commission).<sup>3</sup>**

The Commission is charged with establishing and maintaining a public defense system that ensure the provision of public defense services consistent with the Oregon Constitution, the United State Constitution, and Oregon and National standards of justice.

#### **Commission Executive Director.<sup>4</sup>**

The director is appointed by the governor after consultation with the commission. The director must be well qualified by training and experience to perform the functions of the office. The term of office is four years, and is eligible for reappointment, and the governor may remove the director at any time for just cause. The director must:

- designate a deputy director, who serves at the pleasure of the governor;
- hire necessary commission staff;

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2025\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2025\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2025\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 151.216 \(2025\)](#).

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 151.219 \(2025\)](#).

- give recommendations to the commission about how to establish and maintain, in a cost-effective manner, the delivery of legal services to person entitled to, and, where applicable, financially eligible for, appointed counsel;
- implement, and ensure compliance with contracts, policies, procedures, standards, and guidelines adopted by the commission or required by statute;
- prepare and submit to the commission the biennial budget for the commission;
- negotiate specific contracts;
- employ and supervise commission personnel, operation, and activities;
- prepare and submit to the commission an annual report of commission activities;
- provide for legal representation, advice and consultation for the commission, its members, and staff, who require such services or who are named as defendants in lawsuits arising from commission duties; and
- maintain an accurate list of all attorneys providing public defense services in Oregon.



## Executive Director of the Oregon Public Defense Commission

Agency: **Unknown**

Policy Area: **Public Safety**

Authorization: **HB 2614 (2025)**

Board Admin: **None**

Min Members: **0** Max Members: **1**

Address:

Term Length: **Unknown** Term Limit: **Unknown**

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Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

## Current Appointments

**Director Sanchagrin, Ken**

Term(s):

**3/1/2026 - 2/28/2030**

Executive Director

Appointed By: Other

Position Number: **1**

## Vacant Positions