

SENATE COMMITTEE ON RULES

February 16, 2026
08:00 AM

Hearing Room C

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Kayse Jama, Chair
Sen. Bruce Starr, Vice-Chair
Sen. Jeff Golden
Sen. James Manning Jr.
Sen. Kim Thatcher

STAFF PRESENT: Leslie Porter, LPRO Analyst
Sam Koopman, Senior Committee Assistant

EXHIBITS: Exhibits from this meeting are available [here](#)

MEASURES/ISSUES: Executive Appointments – Public Hearing and Work Session

00:00:03 Meeting Called to Order
00:00:04 Chair Jama

00:01:14 **Executive Appointments - Public Hearing**
00:01:15 Chair Jama
00:01:39 Ken Sanchagrin, Executive Director, Oregon Public Defense Commission
00:03:14 Kacey KC, State Forester
00:04:47 Vice-Chair Starr
00:07:40 H. M. Zamudio, Land Use Board of Appeals
00:09:02 Ann Gravatt, Environmental Quality Commission
00:10:25 Victor Leonardo, Board of Medical Imaging
00:12:09 Cassidy Quistorff, Sustainability Board
00:13:43 Rachel Jones, Trust for Cultural Development Board
00:15:17 James Kindle, Trust for Cultural Development Board
00:16:35 Emily Hartlerode, Trust for Cultural Development Board
00:17:52 Nicole Possert, Trust for Cultural Development Board
00:19:31 Jason Orme, Oregon Board of Accountancy
00:20:42 Jennifer Cearley, Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission
00:22:28 Michael Babcock, Commission for the Blind
00:23:59 Megan Evers, Board of Boiler Rules
00:25:44 Brandon Koonz, Building Codes Structures Board
00:26:23 Lori Hedlund, State Board of Direct Entry Midwifery
00:27:42 Daniel Costie, Board of Trustees of Eastern Oregon University
00:29:07 Mark Pearson, Board of Trustees of Eastern Oregon University
00:30:25 Emily Folkestad, Board of Trustees of Eastern Oregon University
00:31:31 Sen. Manning Jr.

00:32:29 Cynthia Levesque, Health Evidence Review Commission
00:34:25 Matthew Woodbridge, Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Committee
00:35:39 Alena Zbirun, Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Committee
00:37:24 Elizabeth Brownhill, Oregon Human Rights Commission
00:38:49 Bryan Hagen, Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists

00:40:02 Travis Argue, Mechanical Board
00:40:27 Justin Wong, Mechanical Board
00:41:15 Marguerite Cohen, Oregon Medical Board
00:42:35 Micah Thorp, Oregon Medical Board
00:43:50 Matt Calzia, Oregon State Board of Nursing
00:44:32 Michael Jordan, Board of Commissioners of the Port of Portland
00:46:16 Jason Harvey, Board on Public Safety Standards and Training
00:48:23 Jessica Miyake, Residential Ombudsman and Public Guardianship Advisory Board

00:50:03 Peter Buckley, Board of Trustees of Southern Oregon University
00:50:45 Sen. Golden
00:52:50 Christopher Geryak, Board of Trustees of Southern Oregon University
00:54:53 Clarence Williams, State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology

00:56:33 Adell Amos, Water Resources Commission
00:57:48 Travis Trumbull, Water Resources Commission
00:59:51 John DiLorenzo, Jewell School District
01:06:26 Rachel Phillips, attorney, Portland
01:09:40 Meeting Recessed
01:09:45 Meeting Reconvened

01:09:56 **Executive Appointments - Work Session**
01:09:57 Chair Jama
01:10:06 MOTION: VICE-CHAIR STARR MOVES THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS AND REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER ENTITIES TO THE SENATE FLOOR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY BE CONFIRMED EN BLOC:
Jason Orme, Oregon Board of Accountancy
Logan Steele, Oregon Board of Accountancy
Jennifer Cearley, Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission
Michael Babcock, Commission for the Blind
Megan Evers, Board of Boiler Rules
Brandon Koonz, Building Codes Structures Board
Amanda Borup, Oregon Cannabis Commission
Andre Ourso, Oregon Cannabis Commission
Anthony Taylor, Oregon Cannabis Commission
Lori Hedlund, State Board of Direct Entry Midwifery
Daniel Costie, Board of Trustees of Eastern Oregon University
Chris Cronin, Board of Trustees of Eastern Oregon University

Emily Folkestad, Board of Trustees of Eastern Oregon University
Charles Hofmann, Board of Trustees of Eastern Oregon University
Erin Lair, Board of Trustees of Eastern Oregon University
Mark Pearson, Board of Trustees of Eastern Oregon University
Cedric Riel, Board of Trustees of Eastern Oregon University
Kerry Thompson, Board of Trustees of Eastern Oregon University
Maurizio Valerio, Board of Trustees of Eastern Oregon University
Ann Gravatt, Environmental Quality Commission
Ben Hoffman, Health Evidence Review Commission
Cynthia Levesque, Health Evidence Review Commission
Stacy Carmichael, Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Committee
Charles Fisher, Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Committee
Paul Harmon, Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Committee
Lindsey Hopper, Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Committee
Om Sukheenai, Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Committee
Nashoba Temperly, Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Committee
Matthew Woodbridge, Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Committee
Alena Zbirun, Health Insurance Exchange Advisory Committee
Richard Devlin, Higher Education Coordinating Commission
Jennifer Smith, Higher Education Coordinating Commission
Paul Johnson, Home Care Commission
Elizabeth Brownhill, Oregon Human Rights Commission
H.M. Zamudio, Land Use Board of Appeals
Bryan Hagen, Oregon Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and
Therapists
Ken Anderson, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots
John Bogaty, Oregon Board of Maritime Pilots
Travis Argue, Mechanical Board
Justin Wong, Mechanical Board
Sheronne Blasi, Oregon Medical Board
Marguerite Cohen, Oregon Medical Board
David Cook, Oregon Medical Board
Micah Thorp, Oregon Medical Board
Victor Leonardo, Board of Medical Imaging
Matt Calzia, Oregon State Board of Nursing
Margaret Hill, Oregon State Board of Nursing
Michael Jordan, Board of Commissioners of the Port of Portland
Ken Sanchagrin, Executive Director of the Oregon Public Defense
Commission
Greg Clouser, Public Employees' Benefit Board
Andria Fultz, Public Employees' Benefit Board
Jason Harvey, Board on Public Safety Standards and Training
Jessica Miyake, Residential Ombudsman and Public Guardianship
Advisory Board
Michael Erickson, Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic
Technologist Licensing Board

Peter Buckley, Board of Trustees of Southern Oregon University
Christopher Geryak, Board of Trustees of Southern Oregon University
Debra Lee, Board of Trustees of Southern Oregon University
Christina Medina, Board of Trustees of Southern Oregon University
Hala Schepmann, Board of Trustees of Southern Oregon University
Liz Shelby, Board of Trustees of Southern Oregon University
Amy Costanza-Smith, State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology
Ilia Fong, State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and
Audiology
Christopher Hargunani, State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology
Clarence Williams, State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language
Pathology and Audiology
Cassidy Quistorff, Sustainability Board
Michelle York, Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
Emily Hartlerode, Trust for Cultural Development Board
Rachel Jones, Trust for Cultural Development Board
James Kindle, Trust for Cultural Development Board
Nicole Possert, Trust for Cultural Development Board
Adell Amos, Water Resources Commission
Travis Trumbull, Water Resources Commission
Ryan Hearn, Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory
Committee
Sarah Merrick, Workers' Compensation Management-Labor Advisory
Committee
K.S. Venkatraman, State Workforce and Talent Development Board

01:14:27

VOTE: 5-0-0

AYE: GOLDEN, MANNING JR., THATCHER, STARR. JAMA

CARRIER: SEN. JAMA

01:14:46

MOTION: VICE-CHAIR STARR MOVES THE FOLLOWING
APPOINTMENT TO THE FOLLOWING POSITION TO THE SENATE
FLOOR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THEY BE CONFIRMED:

Kacey KC, State Forester

01:15:13

Vice-Chair Starr

01:16:07

Sen. Golden

01:18:18

VOTE: 3-2-0

AYE: GOLDEN, MANNING JR., JAMA

NAY: THATCHER, STARR

CARRIER: SEN. GOLDEN

01:18:40

Meeting Adjourned