
Date: Sept. 20, 2022

To: Environmental Quality Commission

From: Stephanie Caldera, EQC assistant

Subject: Item 1: Interim DEQ Director Appointment (Action)
Sept. 22-23, 2022, EQC meeting

Purpose of item Commissioners will discuss and take action to appoint an interim DEQ Director, effective Sept. 30, 2022.

DEQ recommendation and motion language DEQ recommends that the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission appoint an interim DEQ Director to serve starting Sept. 30, 2022, until the hiring or appointment of a permanent director.

Proposed motion language:

“I move that the Oregon Environmental Quality Commission appoint [insert name] as DEQ Interim Director, the appointment to begin Sept. 30, 2022, and end upon the appointment of a permanent DEQ Director.”

Background The Oregon Environmental Quality Commission has the authority to appoint the DEQ Director under ORS 468.040. With the retirement of DEQ Director Richard Whitman, effective Sept. 30, 2022, the commission must take action to appoint an interim director to serve from that date of resignation until the commission completes its recruitment, currently in process, for the next permanent DEQ Director.