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Avakian Announces New Committee Appointment

*Labor Commissioner names Carl Redman to serve on
Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee*

PORTLAND—Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian today named Carl Redman as a new member of the Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee (PWAC). Redman, the Vice-President of Bear Electric and President of Innovation Construction, will fill a seat previously held by John Killin, Executive Director of the Independent Electrical Contractors of Oregon.

The Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee was established in 2003 by the Oregon Legislature, and is comprised of equal representatives from management and labor in the building and construction industry who perform work on public works contracts. The committee is charged with assisting the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries in administering prevailing wage rate laws that apply on public construction projects. Killin, who expressed to the Commissioner a desire to see fewer paid representatives serving on the committee, offered to vacate his seat if doing so would help facilitate such a change. Redman will replace Killin as a management representative on the committee.

“I want to thank both Carl Redman and John Killin,” Avakian said. “The Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee has benefited from John’s service, and it will benefit also from Carl’s 20 years of hands-on experience and management expertise. Carl’s understanding of prevailing wage issues from his perspective as an engineer, administrator and executive will be of particular value to the committee and me.”

The PWAC will hold its next quarterly meeting at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, September 17, in Portland. For more information about the Committee, visit the Bureau’s website at www.oregon.gov/boli.

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