



**Commissioner Brad Avakian**  
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**Avakian Announces New Committee Appointments**

*Labor Commissioner names 3 new members, expanding  
Oregon's Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee*

PORTLAND—Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian today announced the appointments of three new members to the Prevailing Wage Advisory Committee (PWAC), filling one pending vacancy and creating two new positions. Receiving appointments are Greg Held, Business Manager for the Oregon and Southern Idaho District Council of the Laborers International Union of North America, Dee Burch, P.E., President of Advanced American Construction, Inc., and Kevin Jensen, Business Manager for Local 29 of the Ironworkers Union. The vacancy comes November 1, when the appointment of Pete Savage of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters will expire.

“Pete Savage has given great service to Oregon as a member of this committee,” Avakian said. “We are fortunate to have other talented individuals, like Greg, Dee and Kevin, who are ready to step up and help PWAC continue its important work.”

PWAC was created by legislative action in 2003, with the Commissioner of Labor and Industries appointing representatives from management and labor in the building and construction industry who perform work on public works contracts, as well as interested public individuals. Statute does not specify the number of committee members, so long as they are equally balanced between management and labor. The committee is charged with assisting the Commissioner in administering prevailing wage rate laws that apply to public construction projects. Savage is a labor representative on the committee; Burch is a new management representative while Held and Jensen will represent labor.

“PWAC’s membership features years of experience on all kinds of public works projects,” Avakian added. “The Labor Commissioner is not the only official who looks to this committee for thoughtful analysis of prevailing wage issues, and rightly so.”

For more information about PWAC and Oregon’s prevailing wage rate laws, visit BOLI’s website at <http://www.oregon.gov/BOLI/WHD/PWR/index.shtml>.

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