

# Oregon

## Public Officials Compensation Commission



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# SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF COMMISSIONERS

**Members of the 11-member** Commission receive their appointments in one of the following ways:

- The Secretary of State appoints **six** members from the rolls of registered voters, one from each of Oregon’s five Congressional Districts and an additional member from the state at large.
- Elected officials appoint **five** members as described below:
  - The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court appoints one member.
  - The President of the Senate appoints one member.
  - The Speaker of the House appoints one member.
  - With confirmation by the Senate, the Governor appoints two members who have a background in compensation management.

## **Term of Office**

Commissioners ordinarily serve four-year terms. Those appointed in 2008, however, will serve staggered terms.



# MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS



**The law excludes you from** serving on the Commission if you are an elected official whose salary will be affected by the Commission’s work, or if you are a relative of such an elected official. The law also excludes anyone who lives in the household of an official affected by the Commission.

## *Definitions*

The law refers to “*Member of individual’s household.*” This means any person who lives with someone who holds an office or position covered by ORS 292.907 to 292.930.

“*Relative*” means the spouse or domestic partner of a person who holds an office or position covered by the law (ORS 292.907 to 292.930). The term also covers any children of such an office holder, as well as the children of his or her spouse or domestic partner, brothers, sisters, half-brothers, half-sisters, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, stepparents, stepchildren or parents of the office holder, his or her spouse or domestic partner.

# RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSIONERS

**As a member of the Commission**, you must be willing to carry out the following duties:

- Attend and prepare for meetings.
- Study all materials and pertinent information before making decisions.
- Actively participate in meetings.
- Demonstrate a willingness and ability to reach thoughtful, non-political decisions.
- Work with the Commission as a whole in making decisions, recognizing that compromise may be necessary to reach consensus.



# TIME REQUIREMENTS



**The Commission will meet from July through October of 2008. It will not meet again until 2010. Following is a meeting schedule for this year. The meeting requirements will be similar in 2010.**

Date	Meeting Purpose
July 9-10, 2008	Commissioner training
July 23-24, 2008	Commission meetings
August 6-7, 2008	Commission meetings
August 20-21, 2008	Commission meetings
September 3-4, 2008	Commission meetings
September 17, 2008	Commission meeting
September 18, 2008	Public Hearing
October 1, 2008	Commission meeting
October 2, 2008	Approve Final Recommendation

All meetings will take place at the State Capitol in Salem from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Your attendance of the meetings is essential. The Commission staff will help you with travel plans and arrange for overnight accommodations, if needed.

All meetings are *public meetings* under Oregon's Public Meetings Law. This means that discussions and actions taken at meetings must occur in an open, public forum. Staff will record the meetings in written minutes and may film them, as well.

# COMPENSATION FOR COMMISSIONERS

**You will not receive payment** for your service on the Commission. You will receive reimbursement, however, for travel expenses at the state government rates. Such expenses include car mileage, hotel rooms and meals. Again, staff is available to help you make arrangements and to answer questions.





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