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Public Records Advisory Council

DUTIES AND AUTHORITY: Senate Bill 106, 2017

- Survey state agency, other jurisdictions and public body practices and procedures for:
 - Receiving public records requests, identifying the existence of records responsive to the requests and gathering and disclosing responsive records;
 - Determining fee estimates and imposing or waiving fees; and
 - Determining and applying exemptions from required disclosure.
- Identify inefficiencies and inconsistencies in application of the public records law that impede transparency in public process and government;
- Make recommendations on changes in law, policy or practice that could enhance transparency in public process and government, and facilitate rapid dissemination of public records to requesters;
- Make recommendations on the role of the Public Records Advocate as facilitator in disputes between custodians of public records and public record requesters;
- Report to Governor and Legislature by December 1 of each even-numbered year describing the findings of the council since the council's last report including recommendations for legislation.

Council Members

The Public Records Advocate – Vacant

The Secretary of State or a designee – Stephanie Clark

The Attorney General or a designee – Michael Kron

The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services or a designee – Adam Crawford

A representative of the News Media who is a member in good standing of a professional journalism association – Emily Harris

Two additional representatives of the news media – Steve Suo and Les Zaitz

A representative of the cities – Scott Winkels

A representative of the counties – Rob Bovett

A representative of the special districts – Mark Landauer

A representative of the public sector workforce – Shirin Khosravi

A member of the public – Tony Hernandez

A Senator who is appointed by the President of the Senate and who serves as an ex officio nonvoting member – Kim Thatcher

A Representative who is appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and who serves as an ex officio nonvoting member – Karin Power

Distribution group email: PublicRecordsAdvisoryCouncil@oregon.gov

Appointment/Confirmation Authority – SB 106, 2017

Term (for the 8 members appointed by the Governor) – Four Year terms – October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2021

Council will meet at least once every six months and at other times and places specified by the call of the chair or of a majority of the members.

Public Records Advocate is the chair of the council. Until the advocate is appointed, the Secretary of State or designee will chair the council. Contact information for Council Chair: Stephanie Clark, 503-378-8161, stephanie.clark@oregon.gov