



Tax Supervising & Conservation Commission


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Who Are The Commissioners?

The five commissioners are appointed by the governor to serve four-year terms.

Javier Fernandez: E-Mail: javier.fernandez@aya.yale.edu

Appointed: January 1, 2010

Term Expires: December 31, 2013

Experience: Javier is the Manager for the Cash and Treasury Management department at the Bonneville Power Administration with the U.S. Department of Energy. Javier is responsible for BPA's financial reserve portfolio management, accounts receivable and the Federal borrowing with the U.S. Treasury. Javier was formerly a Senior Vice President in the Fixed Income Capital Markets Division of D.A. Davidson & Co. where he performed underwriting and financial advisory services related to the issuance of municipal debt by Oregon Jurisdictions. During his public finance career he has developed a deep understanding of the Oregon tax system and the government budgeting process. His public finance experience extends over 10 years and has participated in over 300 financings totaling in excess of \$3 billion.

Reason joined Commission: "Oregon has been my home since 2002 and it was on that same year that I started working with all different types of Oregon municipalities. I have been developing my career as a public finance banker in Oregon for over 7 years and I have studied the different budgetary challenges and opportunities faced every day by Oregon municipalities. I have familiarity with Local Government Budget Law and with the importance of budgetary discipline when accessing the capital markets. It will be an honor to contribute my education background in economics and finance and my professional background to promote reliable budget processes and prudent fiscal discipline to all the TSSC members and give back to this wonderful State that I now call home."

Terry McCall: E-Mail: terrymccall@ps4gov.com

Appointed: May 3, 2008

Term Expires: December 31, 2015

Experience: Terry is president of Portfolio Services for Government, LLC, and was Chief Financial Officer for the City of Gresham from 1996 until his retirement in 2008. Terry was a vice president with US Bank, where he worked from 1968 to 1996. Also, he was 2006-07 vice chair of the national Budget & Fiscal Policy Committee for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) of the US and Canada. He now serves as an advisor to GFOA's national Treasury and Investment Management Committee.

Reason joined Commission: "I can use my local government experience as a resource to the TSSC, which will continue my public service in a volunteer capacity. The productive association I enjoy with many local government senior managers, finance professionals and elected officials may be of some assistance as well. I have long respected the TSSC for its value to the citizens."

Steven B. Nance: E-Mail: nancefamily@msn.com

Appointed: February 5, 2008

Term Expires: December 31, 2015

Experience: Steven is a civic volunteer and venture capitalist after retiring in 1999 from a marketing executive career with Intel Corporation. Prior to seventeen years with Intel in a variety of management positions, Steven built and sold three private businesses. He currently serves as Vice Chair of Trillium Family Services, Oregon's most comprehensive provider of mental health services for children and families.

Reason joined Commission: "My background and career has always revolved around open communication and decision making. So many times I hear our citizens ask about local budgets, how they get formulated, why spending occurs in certain ways, and how a particular decision was made. This is a wonderful opportunity to work with some of Oregon's best public sector minds as well as a group of talented, experienced commissioners and dedicated staff. I intend to represent the views and concerns of my community, bringing answers back to them on our local spending and budgeting process."

Susan Schneider: E-Mail: theschneiders2@hotmail.com

Appointed: January 1, 2010



Term Expires: December 31, 2013

Experience: I began my career involving people in their local government through their neighborhood in north Salem. Then, I moved on to preparing and explaining the budget for the City of Salem's Urban Renewal and community Development Department. That included presentations to the Council and Citizen's Budget Committee. After law school and working to advise small municipal governments on a variety of issues, I was hired by the City of Portland's Transportation office to help devise and negotiated the agreement for sharing of road revenues with Multnomah County under new Urban Services policies. After a brief time as the City's Urban Services Manager I went to work in Government Relations as a city lobbyist. I spent the rest of my career representing Portland on many different infrastructure issues.

Reason joined Commission: "I have found the business of understanding the policy and technical details of local government both satisfying and fascinating. I see serving on the TSSC as a way to continue public service as a volunteer on the public finance issues critical to this region".

Brendan Watkins, E-Mail: brendan.watkins@wedbush.com

Appointed: February 01, 2013

Term Expires: December 31, 2017

Experience: Brendan Watkins currently works as an Associate within the Northwest Public Finance Group at Wedbush Securities. He focuses on financial modeling, debt structuring and related analysis for local governments and school districts in the Pacific Northwest and Intermountain region. Brendan is responsible for maintaining the Wedbush ratings and operating matrices. He joined the Wedbush team in July 2011 after five years of covering the financial technology and construction products/materials industries for the Equity Capital Markets group of D.A. Davidson. My Watkins graduated from the University of Oregon with a BS in Economics and holds a Series 7 license.

Reason joined Commission: "My desire to serve on the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSSC) comes from two motivations: first, to serve my hometown and all its' component units, and second, to serve all my fellow taxpayers. I believe I can bring fresh ideas from a new perspective in our current governmental and economic systems for them to be effective and efficient. Without public involvement our public entities cannot be expected to meet the needs and expectations of the constituents."

Staff

Tom Linhares, Executive Director

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Employed with the Commission since: April 2004

Tom oversees the daily operations of the Commission. In addition, Tom is active in the Oregon Municipal Finance Officers Association (OMFOA) and often assists with legislation affecting Oregon's Local Budget Law and property tax system. Prior to coming to the Commission, Tom was the elected County Assessor for Columbia County, serving in that position for 17 years. During that time he served as the president of the Oregon State Association of County Assessors (1998-99) and during the 1997 Legislative Session he was the Association's Legislative Committee Chair and helped craft legislation to implement Ballot Measure 50.

Tunie Betschart, Budget Analyst

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Employed with the Commission since: September, 2004

Tunie's primary responsibility is the day to day operation of the office. She also takes a lead role in getting TSSC's Annual Report ready for printing. Tunie reviews budgets for compliance with local budget law and prepares reviews for the Commission. She also reviews annual audits of the districts as submitted by independent accountants. Tunie spent 20 years as an administrative assistant with the Maintenance Department at PGE's Trojan Nuclear Power Plant.

Shannon Turk, Budget Analyst

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Employed with the Commission since: September, 2004

Shannon's primary responsibility with TSSC is tracking long term debt for each district. She reviews district's budget for compliance with local budget law and prepares reviews of those budgets for the Commission. Shannon has extensive experience working with the City of Gresham in both management auditing and budget analysis positions. She has also worked for Multnomah County, including two years in the county assessor's office. Shannon has a master degree in public administration from Portland State University.

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