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# Employment Department Announces New Members of the Employment Advisory Council

**Oct. 22, 2021 (Salem, OR)** — The Oregon Employment Department is announcing the new membership of the Employment Advisory Council. The advisory council has oversight of the agency's unemployment insurance and workforce programs.

The virtual advisory council meeting is scheduled from 1-5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, 2021. This will be the first advisory council meeting since the start of the pandemic in March 2020. Members of the public are invited to attend and should [register via Zoom](#).

"This council plays a vital role in shaping how our organization evolves. Their input is critical to ensuring our agency works proactively and is responsive to the needs of all Oregonians," said David Gerstenfeld, acting director of the Employment Department.

The council has been in place since 1997, and members are appointed by the Governor for a term of two years as provided in [ORS 657.695](#). Members may be considered for reappointment to serve additional terms up to a maximum of four terms, or eight years of service, on the advisory council.

For more information, visit our Employment Advisory Council webpage.

### **Members of the Employment Advisory Council**

- Haley Alves, Union Carpenter – Employee Representative
- Kurtis Barker, Confederated Tribes of the Siletz Indians – Public Representative
- Robert Camarillo, Oregon State Building and Construction Trades – Employee Representative
- Marc Chrismer, Tillamook Creamery – Employer Representative
- Tom Cusack, Oregon Housing Blog – Public Representative
- Kenechi Onyeagusi, Professional Business Development Group – Employer Representative
- Paloma Sparks, Oregon Business and Industry – Employer Representative
- Catie Theisen, Oregon AFL-CIO – Employee Representative



- Laurie Westenberg, Madden Industrial Craftsmen – Employer Representative
- Royce Williams, Attorney at Law – Employee Representative
- David Gerstenfeld, Acting Director; Oregon Employment Department – Ex-Officio Member

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