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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 – Ginger McCall – Ginger.MCCALL@oregon.gov

The Secretary of State or a designee – Mary Beth Herkert – Mary.E.HERKERT@oregon.gov

The Attorney General or a designee – Michael Kron - Michael.C.KRON@state.or.us

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A representative of the cities – Scott Winkels - swinkels@orcities.org

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A Senator who is appointed by the President of the Senate and who serves as an ex officio nonvoting member – Kim Thatcher - Sen.KimThatcher@oregonlegislature.gov

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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.