

Appointed Boards and Commissions (ABCs) Recommendation

The Veterans Advisory Council, staffed by the Department of Health, Housing & Human Services, Social Services Division, currently has eight openings on their commission due to term expirations. Nineteen members are allowed with two year terms.

Recruitment opened to the public on 11/04/2025 and closed on 01/31/2025.

Recruitment took place by press release, Facebook, Nextdoor, and the county website. Through this recruitment process, fourteen applications were received and eight were recommended to be appointed. Eight applicants are new and zero applicants are currently on the board. Interviews were conducted with all eligible applicants.

The recommendation is as follows:

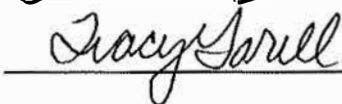
Aubire Balkwill	First Term	06/30/2027
Michael Blackwell	First Term	06/30/2027
Don Kingsborough	First Term	06/30/2027
Rafael Kaup	First Term	06/30/2027
Kyrion Gray	First Term	06/30/2027
Steve Beals	First Term	06/30/2027
James Manning	First Term	06/30/2027
Robert Killgore	First Term	06/30/2027

The Board of County Commissioners could select other candidates or require further recruitment.

Please sign as appropriate indicating that a matrix and all applications are attached. The material has been reviewed by the appropriate signing authority, and the packet is ready for consideration by the BCC.

Liaison signature: 

Date: 7/30/25

Division approval: 

Date: 7/30/25

Department approval: _____

Date: _____

ABC Matrix							
Clackamas County 2024 - Veterans Advisory Council				Todays Date: 05/07/2025			
First Name	Last Name	If this Position is currently a Vacancy (Member resigning, Member being reappointed)	Occupation/Background	Category	Term Overview (1st, 2nd,etc)	Appointment Date (Month/Day/Year)	Term expires (Month/Day/Year)
Active Roster							
1 Tracy	Bogard	Past Chair	Director of student counseling, BS Psychology and Masters of Education.	Community Member	8th	4/15/2014	7/31/2026
2 Paul	Edgar		Paul served in the US Army in a variety of positions, and has served on multiple boards, councils, and commissions. He would like to use his skill set to to advance a Team Approach that integrates capabilities and services, of; Non Profits, Local, County, State and Federal Governmental Entities, where we achieve the best results for Veterans.	Veteran	4th	5/23/2017	7/31/2025
3 Laurie	Kimmell		Retired Military Veteran and Law Enforcement	Veteran	4th	5/6/2019	7/31/2026
4 Betty	Fish-Ferguson	Chair	Retired Navy veteran. Member of the American Legion. Volunteers for Father's Heart, Love Inc. and the Navy Nurse Corps Assoc..is an MOAA member. Works seasonally for the Clackamas County Elections Office.	Veteran	2nd	7/28/2021	7/31/2026
5 Gregory	Freetage		Veteran who served from 2007-2015 in Iraq and Afghanistan. Familiar with the challenges that veterans face coming home. Member of the Sandy Net Advisory Board.	Veteran	2nd	7/28/2021	7/31/2026
6 Carol	Bernhard		Father was a WWII vet. BBA in marketing and management. ASAC member, CCEP member, PTSA member for high school in Happy Valley,k 4H leader and Adopt A Block.	Family	2nd	10/13/2022	7/31/2026
7 Tawnya	Lege		Spouse of a veteran, former Key Spouse for 446th Air Wing @ Mc Chord AFB, member of the American Legion Auxiliary	Family	2nd	10/24/2023	7/31/2026
8 Thomas	McAlarney		General Citizen, Veteran, RN with a desire to help Veterans	Veteran	2nd	10/24/2023	7/31/2026
9 Dan	Miner	Vacant / new member	Small business owner. Retired Colonel (O-6) with 30 years commissioned service on Active Duty, Oregon Army National Guard, and US Army Reserves. United States Military Academy, 1992 and Army War College, 2017 graduate. Assignments include Faculty Instructor, Army War College (USAR, 3 years), Logistics Officer Oregon Joint Operations Center (ORANG, 3 years), Commander, 1-82 Cavalry Squadron (Bend, OR, 3 years), and various leadership and staff positions in ORANG and on Active Duty. 3 deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan while in ORANG.	Veteran	1st	5/21/2024	7/31/2026
10 Austin	Hansen	Vacant / new member	Military Division Counselor, Grand Canyon University.	Veteran	1st	5/21/2024	7/31/2026
11 Brian	Gornick		Enlisted, US Navy, Norfolk Naval Base.	Veteran	1st		
First Name	Last Name	If this Position is currently a Vacancy (Recommending applicant as new member)	Occupation/Background		Term Overview (1st, 2nd,etc)	Determined by the BCC (approval date)	Term Expires (Month/Day/Year)
New Members Recommended							
12 Aubire	Balkwill	VACANT			1st		
13 Michael	Blackwell	VACANT			1st		
14 Don	Kingsborough	VACANT			1st		
15 Rafael	Kaup	VACANT			1st		
16 Kyrion	Gray	VACANT			1st		
17 Steve	Beals	VACANT			1st		
18 James Manning		VACANT			1st		
19 Robert Killgore		VACANT			2nd		