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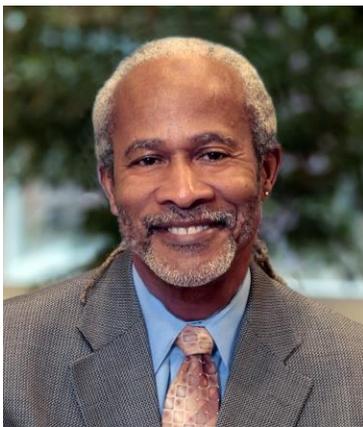
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## **Michael Alexander Joins Port of Portland Commission**

Retired Urban League of Portland president and CEO, and seasoned healthcare-industry leader, Michael Alexander, was recently appointed by Oregon Governor Kate Brown to the Port of Portland Commission.



During Alexander's leadership of the Urban League of Portland from summer 2012 through spring 2015, he made great strides in restoring fiscal discipline to the organization's operations, reconnecting with key business and foundation partners, and re-engaging the organization's base of supporters. The mission of the non-profit, community-based organization is empowering African Americans and other Oregonians to achieve equality in education, employment, and economic security.

During Alexander's extensive healthcare-industry career, he served in executive roles at Regence BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon, Magellan Behavioral Health, and Aetna, including four years as vice president and executive director of the Aetna Foundation. Alexander served as founding chair of the Cambia (Regence BlueCross BlueShield) Foundation and currently serves on the boards of LifeWorks Northwest, the American Leadership Forum of Oregon (chair), the Northwest Health Foundation (secretary), Black United Fund, and University of Oregon President's Diversity Advisory Community Council; community boards for BlueCross BlueShield of Oregon and Wells Fargo; and steering committees for Oregon Healthiest State, and Black Male Achievement.

Alexander is a graduate of Lewis University and Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research. He is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and relocated to Oregon in

2005. Alexander lives in Portland's Sellwood neighborhood with his wife, Nancy, and has three children and three grandchildren.

Alexander replaces Commissioner Peter Bragdon. Other members of the Port Commission are: **Jim Carter**, Commission president; **Tom Chamberlain**, Commission vice president, and president, Oregon AFL- CIO; **Linda Pearce**, Commission treasurer, and CFO of Tillamook County Creamery Association; **Robert Levy**, Commission secretary, and self-employed farmer operating both Windy River and L&L Farms in Hermiston; **Alice Cuprill-Comas**, legal counsel at Oregon Health & Science University; **Tom Tsuruta**, adjunct professor at Marylhurst University; **Gary Young**, business manager for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 48; and **Pat McDonald**, vice president of human resources and director of the Intel Talent Organization at Intel Corporation.

The nine-member Commission sets Port policy during its monthly meetings. At least two commissioners must each live in one of the three counties in the Port district (Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties). The remaining members may live in any part of the state. Commissioners are unpaid volunteers who are appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate. They serve four-year terms and can be reappointed for an additional term. Commission presidents are selected by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Commission appoints the Port's executive director.

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*Established in 1891 by the Oregon legislature, the Port today owns four marine terminals, three airports (Portland International, Hillsboro, and Troutdale) and five business parks. The mission of the Port is to enhance the region's economy and quality of life by providing efficient cargo and air passenger access to national and global markets, and by promoting industrial development. The most recent economic impact study shows that the Port generated 27,000 jobs, \$1.8 billion in wages, salaries and consumption impacts, and nearly \$171 million in state and local taxes in 2015.*