

# College board member resigns for job move

## Wingard served for five years

By EDWARD STRATTON  
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The Clatsop Community College Board is looking to replace Patrick Wingard, who resigned after taking a new position in Eugene.

Wingard, a land use planner and North Coast representative with the state Department of Land Conservation and Development, took a similar position covering the southern Willamette Valley and tendered his resignation to the college Sunday.

He was appointed in 2012 to replace Stephen Berk, who resigned to resume teaching at the college. He ran unopposed for election in 2013 and defeated Pamela Mattson

McDonald for re-election in May. He is from Zone 2 covering Astoria and unincorporated communities in John Day, Lewis and Clark and Olney-Walluski.

"It was incredibly eye-opening and educational for me in regards to how important community colleges are to the local economy," Wingard said of his five years on the college board.

"I wanted to bring an open mind, and one that placed the community's values front and center in my decision-making."

Wingard helped oversee the hiring of President Christopher Breitmeyer, along with the college's bond measure last year to rebuild Patriot Hall.

Wingard was part of a unanimous college board

vote last year against selling the Performing Arts Center, a popular community performance space the college owns but no longer uses academically, to an undisclosed housing developer. He had previously voted with a majority of the board to declare the adjacent Josie Peper Building surplus property, a first step for a public entity looking to sell property.

"How to ensure those properties serve the community in the highest and best use" will be a major issue for the college moving forward, he said.

Another big issue Wingard pointed to is the potential acquisition of the Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station campus at South Tongue Point from the Department of State Lands.

"Accreditation is coming up," Wingard said of the full-scale evaluation of the college by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

The college has been accredited since 1965 and was last re-accredited in 2011. Staff have been continually preparing for the commission's accreditation teams returning in 2019.

The college will accept letters of interest and resumes through November from candidates in Zone 2 who are registered voters and have been a resident within the district for one year. Submit applications to the president's office on the main campus at 1651 Lexington Ave. in Astoria.

The college board will review applications in December and potentially make a decision Dec. 12.



Patrick Wingard



Joan Herman

# Herman appointed to Planning Commission

## Former teacher, local radio board member

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
The Daily Astorian

A new but familiar face will join the Astoria Planning Commission.

Mayor Arline LaMear appointed retired English teacher, local radio board member and frequent city meeting attendee Joan Herman to the Planning Commission Tuesday. Herman will fill a seat left vacant after former Commission President David Pearson announced he was resigning.

Pearson, the deputy director of the Columbia River Maritime Museum, is leaving Astoria to take a job as the executive director of World of Speed, a motor sports museum in Wilsonville. He had been on the Planning Commission since 2012.

It is the second time this year that LaMear has had to appoint a new person to the Planning Commission. Brookley Henri joined the commission in July after former Commissioner Frank Spence was elected to the Port of Astoria Commission.

Herman already attends many of the City Council

and Planning Commission meetings. When a position opened up on the Planning Commission, she decided to apply. It will be her first time holding public office.

"I love Astoria and feel compelled to contribute in any way I can to our beautiful community," she said.

Herman, a native of Salem, moved to Astoria in 1986 and worked at The Daily Astorian covering county government, police and history. She co-founded the bicycle shop Bikes & Beyond with her former husband, the late Richard Fencsak. She later taught English at Lower Columbia College, a community college in Longview, Washington. When she retired, she moved back to Astoria.

She serves on Coast Community Radio's Tillicum Foundation Board of Directors and runs two radio programs, a short fiction show, "Literary Landscapes," and a public affairs show, "Perspectives."

Herman said she knows being a planning commissioner can be challenging. But, she added, "I am committed to doing my best and being fair."

# Longtime state senator warned not to touch women

## Senate president sent a warning letter on Friday

By ANDREW SELSKY  
Associated Press

SALEM — A longtime state senator has been warned bluntly by the Senate president not to touch any women following complaints of inappropriate contact.

"Let me very clear," says a letter from Senate President Peter Courtney to Sen. Jeff Kruse, a Republican. "Women in the Capitol do NOT want you to touch them."

Courtney's letter to Kruse, written on Friday and released to the media on Tuesday, came as aftershocks from movie mogul Harvey Weinstein's fall from grace due to numerous allegations of sexual harassment hit an unexpected place: the Oregon State Capitol.

Gov. Kate Brown noted Tuesday that a national dialogue has been stoked over sexual harassment and abuse.

"It is all too clear that no workplace or community is immune to them — sadly even in our state Capitol," the Democratic governor said in a statement. "It is long past time for these issues to be openly discussed and directly addressed."

Courtney told Kruse in the letter that he had been previously instructed by officials in the Legislature not to touch women, and that he was removing the senator from the committees he sits on because of two new alleged incidents. The committees are important because that's where bills are shaped and either move ahead for a vote on the Senate floor or wither.

Courtney, a Democrat, also said he was having the door to Kruse's office removed because he has continued to smoke there — despite warnings doing so is against the



Timothy J. Gonzalez/Statesman-Journal

**State Sen. Jeff Kruse, R-Roseburg, has been accused of inappropriately touching female colleagues at the state Capitol.**

law and exposes the Senate to "public scorn and charges of hypocrisy."

Kruse has denied any inappropriate contacts and says he is being denied due process, although he acknowledged the smoking.

Courtney, Oregon's longest-serving current lawmaker with 33 years in office and 14 as Senate president, called his actions "an unprecedented step for me."

"I have never taken this kind of action before but I am left with no other options at this time to protect our employees, members of the Legislature and the public," he wrote.

Senate Republican leader Ted Ferrioli said in a statement that "we take seriously" an ongoing investigation into the allegations against Kruse, but added that he knows of no formal complaint filed against the senator.

Courtney said he has reported the two new alleged incidents of Kruse's behavior toward women to the Legislature's lawyers and human resources. He wrote that Kruse was instructed in March by those departments "not to touch women at work. Period."

He said he's learned more from newspapers than from the Senate about his situation. Kruse said that what he's read suggests this is more about boundary issues than anything of a sexual nature, The News-Review, the newspaper in his hometown of Roseburg, reported.

"I'm assuming at this point you cannot touch a woman on her shoulder, or you cannot whisper in her ear, or anything like that," Kruse said.

Sen. Sara Gelsler, a Democrat from Corvallis, had complained that a senator was making unwanted physical contact with her. On Monday, she identified him as Kruse. She said she had filed complaints with the Legislature's human resources and attorneys.

Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick said Tuesday that a second female state senator has accused Kruse of inappropriately touching her at the Capitol, The Oregonian reported. The identity of the senator has not been publicly disclosed.

Legislative Counsel Dexter Johnson clarified to reporters Tuesday that the instruction to Kruse was in March 2016, not this year.

Kruse said in an email Monday that he has been "denied access to any of the specifics of the allegations and actually I am being denied due process in this whole thing."

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# Hikers rescued from Pacific Crest Trail

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Two hikers who found themselves stranded on the Pacific Crest Trail due to whiteout conditions were rescued thanks to their emergency beacon.

KOMO-TV reports that Dylan Zitawi and his hiking partner were rescued on Monday. They were 156 miles away from finishing the more than 2,600-mile trail when snow and rain hit them.

They dug a snow cave and used their tent to hunker down. But by Saturday morning, the weather was even worse. They then activated their emergency beacon.

Search and rescue officials said activating the beacon was the right move.

A search helicopter was launched and found the hikers. They were near Indian Pass on the Snohomish-Chelan county line.

The Snohomish County Sheriff's Office states that both hikers were uninjured and able to walk.

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