



# News Brief

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## Merle Lindsey named Interim Executive Director for OLCC

The Commissioners of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission voted unanimously to appoint Deputy Director Merle Lindsey as Interim Executive Director during the monthly meeting Thursday, October 25.

The appointment followed Steve Pharo's announcement that he will retire from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission as Executive Director.

Lindsey will immediately assume the responsibilities of Executive Director while the OLCC Commissioners seek a replacement.

"Merle has proven leadership at the Commission and we know that he is the right person to ease the transition while we fill the position permanently," says OLCC Chair Cassandra Skinner.

Lindsey began his career at the OLCC in 1983 as supervising accountant in Fiscal Services. Over the last 29 years, he has held several executive leadership positions, his most recent being Deputy Director.

"I really appreciate OLCC's managers and directors, but it is the hard work and the professionalism of the staff that move our mission forward everyday," says Lindsey. "I look forward to working with staff and our external partners through this change in leadership."



*Did you know that in the last two years, the OLCC distributed more than **\$370 million** to Oregon's General Fund, Cities, Counties, and Drug and Alcohol Abuse Programs? [See the distribution of dollars on OLCC's Website.](#)*

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