

OFFICE: Licensed Social Workers, State Board of

APPOINTEES: Brenda Dennis of Salem; Reappointment
Donna Hirt of Salem; New appointment replacing Henderson
Rachel Jensen of Eugene; New appointment
Mary Outland of Salem; Reappointment

APPOINTMENT/CONFIRMATION AUTHORITY: ORS 684.130

TERMS: Jensen: Four- year term: May 22, 2015 – June 30, 2018
Dennis, Hirt, Outland: Four-year terms: July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2019

ECONOMIC INTEREST FILING (ORS 244.050): Not required.

STATUTORY QUALIFICATIONS: ORS 675.590
Affirmative action policy: See ORS 182.100. Diversity criteria: See ORS 236.115.

- Seven members appointed by the Governor to three-year terms including:
 - Three members shall be clinical social workers licensed (**HIRT, OUTLAND, SLOAN CLARK, ZANCANELLA**)
 - One member shall be a baccalaureate social worker; master’s social worker or clinical social work associate
 - Three members shall be public members who are not regulated social workers or immediate relative of social worker: (**DENNIS, JENSEN, RAIN**)
- Board members required to be clinical social workers licensed shall be have balanced representation on the board according to:
 - (A) Geographic areas of this state; and
 - (B) Ethnic group.
- The term of office of each member is four years, but a member serves at the pleasure of the Governor. The terms must be staggered so that no more than three terms end each year.
 - Before the expiration of the term of a member, the Governor shall appoint a successor whose term begins on July 1 next following. A member is eligible for reappointment.
- A board member shall be removed immediately from the board if, during the member’s term, the member:
 - Is not a resident of this state;
 - Has been absent from three consecutive board meetings, unless at least one absence is excused; or
 - Is not a clinical social worker licensed or a retired clinical social worker who was a clinical social worker licensed in good standing at the time of retirement, if the board member was appointed to serve on the board as a clinical social worker licensed

DUTIES AND AUTHORITY: ORS 675.595- 675.600

- The Board will have rulemaking authority.
- The Board will establish a program for regulated social workers who have an impairment or who are unable to practice due to physical illness, to assist regulated social workers to regain or retain

their authorizations to practice regulated social work and impose the requirement of participation as a condition to reissuance or retention of the authorization.

- Report to the Legislative Assembly on its activities regarding authorizations to practice regulated social work during the preceding biennium.
- The Board shall have the following powers:
 - To determine the qualifications of applicants to practice social work in this state.
 - To cause to have examinations prepared, conducted and graded.
 - To revoke, grant, or deny renewal of authorizations to practice regulated social work or issue letters of reprimand;
 - To require that a regulated social worker:
 - Practice under supervision, obtain additional training in social work, or undergo psychological, physical or psychiatric assessment, enter into and remain in any prescribed treatment program and disclose the results of the treatment program to the board.
 - To impose civil penalties
 - To collect fees
 - To investigate alleged violations, issue subpoenas, take testimony, administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses, conduct hearings and require the production of relevant documents in all proceedings pertaining to the duties and powers of the board.
 - To enforce and exercise general supervision over the practice of social work in this state.
 - To formulate and enforce a code of professional conduct for the practice of social work giving particular consideration to the code of ethics.
 - To formulate and enforce continuing education requirements
 - To take such other disciplinary action as the board in its discretion finds proper, including but not limited to assessment of the costs of the disciplinary process.

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