



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Date: May 28, 2020
By: Tyler Larson, Analyst
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Matthew Hatch of Portland, New Appointment

Term

July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 675.775 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consists of eight members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. All members must be residents of this state.⁴ Of the members:

- Three must be licensed as professional counselors (DALTON, HARMAN, THOMSON).
- Two must be licensed as marriage and family therapists (McGRATH, MICHAELS).
- One must be from the faculty of a school within this state that has programs to train persons to become professional counselors or marriage and family therapists (REES).
- Two must be members of the public who have demonstrated an interest in the fields of professional counseling and marriage and family therapy but who are not licensed by the board or the spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a licensee (ALEXANDER, **HATCH**).

Board members required to be licensees may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy, submitted by any professional organization representing

¹ See [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2019\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2019\)](#).

² See [ORS 244.050 \(2019\)](#).

³ See [ORS 182.100 \(2019\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2019\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 675.775 \(2019\)](#).

licensees. Members serve three-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor. A member must be removed immediately 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 licensee or a retired licensee whose license was in good standing at the time of retirement, if the board member was appointed to serve on the board as a licensee.

The board must meet at least once a year.⁵ A majority of members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. At the first meeting of each year, the board must select from its members a chair and vice chair. Each officer shall have a term of one year with duties and powers the board determines necessary for the performance of the functions the board assigns to the officer.

Duties and Authority

The board regulates the practice of qualified professional counselors and marriage and family therapists.

The board must:⁶

- adopt rules necessary for the administration of the laws the board is charged with administering;
- maintain a register of all current licensed professional counselors and marriage and family therapists;
- annually publish a directory listing all current licensed professional counselors and marriage and family therapists which is available to the public;
- investigate alleged violations of the laws administered by the board;
- establish procedures to review the complaints of clients of licensees of the board;
- report to the Legislative Assembly concerning the activities of the board during the preceding biennium;
- form standards committees to establish, examine, and pass on the qualifications of applicants to practice professional counseling or marriage and family therapy in this state, including standards and requirements for continuing education and supervision, as appropriate;
- grant licenses to applicants who qualify to practice professional counseling or marriage and family therapy in this state, including reciprocal licensees;
- adopt a code of ethics for licensees;
- require the applicant for a professional counselor license or a marriage and family therapy license to receive a passing score on an examination of competency in counseling or marriage and family therapy; and
- prescribe, in consultation with the Oregon Board of Psychology, the duties of the Director of the Mental Health Regulatory Agency.

⁵ [ORS 675.795 \(2019\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 675.715 to 675.795 \(2019\)](#).

The board may:⁷

- prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of employees of the board necessary to carry out the duties of the board;
- adopt and impose fees for the administration of licenses, registrations, and examinations;
- administer oaths, take depositions, defray legal expenses, and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents or written information necessary to carry out the laws administered by the board;
- adopt a seal to be affixed to all licenses;
- set academic and training standards for licensees;
- require the fingerprints of specified persons for the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check;
- assess civil penalties; and
- commence injunction proceedings in any circuit court to enjoin specified violations.

⁷ [ORS 675.715 to 675.835 \(2019\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, Oregon Board of

Agency: None

Authorization: ORS 675.775

Members: Min: 8 Max: 8

Term Length: 3 years Limit: 2

Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Health

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

L Carolyn Alexander, JD

Public Member

Position Number: 6

Term(s): 10-01-2019 - 09-30-2022

10-01-2016 - 09-30-2019

Dave Dalton

Individual/Family/Youth

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 10-01-2018 - 09-30-2021

Jeff Harman, LPC

Licensed Professional Counselor

Position Number: 7

Term(s): 12-17-2018 - 09-30-2020

Matthew C Hatch

Public Member

Position Number: 8

Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 09-30-2021

Lindsay D McGrath, Chair

LMFT

Position Number: 1

Term(s): 10-01-2017 - 09-30-2020

10-01-2014 - 09-30-2017

06-01-2014 - 09-30-2014

Marcia L Michaels

LMFT

Position Number: 3

Term(s): 10-01-2019 - 09-30-2022

10-01-2016 - 09-30-2019

06-01-2016 - 09-30-2016

Amy M Rees, PhD

Faculty

Position Number: 4

Term(s): 10-01-2019 - 09-30-2022

10-01-2016 - 09-30-2019

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Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, Oregon Board of

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Health

Don Thomson, Jr

LPC

Position Number: 5

Term(s): 10-01-2018 - 09-30-2021
10-01-2015 - 09-30-2018
06-01-2014 - 09-30-2015