



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Date: September 14, 2020
By: Tyler Larson, Analyst
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Board of Education subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Kimberly Howard of Portland; Reappointment
Guadalupe Martinez Zapata of Newberg; Reappointment
George Russell of Eugene; Reappointment
Bridgett Wheeler of Myrtle Point; Reappointment

Term

Howard: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024
Martinez Zapata: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024
Russell: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024
Wheeler: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2024

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 326.021 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consists of the State Treasurer and the Secretary of State or their designees as nonvoting ex officio members and seven voting members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate. Appointees must include:⁴

- residents from each congressional district (COLONNA, 2nd; **HOWARD**, 3rd; **MARTINEZ ZAPATA**, 1st; **RUSSELL**, 4th; VELIZ, 5th);
- two members from the state at large (SCURLOCK; **WHEELER**); and
- one person engaged in teaching as a licensed teacher in this state.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2019\)](#).

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

⁴ [ORS 326.021 \(2019\)](#).

Gubernatorial appointees serve four-year terms and may not be appointed to more than two full terms. The Governor may remove appointed members for cause at any time after notice and public hearing. The board must meet at least six times each year and elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.⁵

Duties and Authority

The board establishes statewide policy for the administration and operation of the public elementary and secondary schools in this state and provides direction and control of the Department of Education.⁶

The board must:⁷

- consider the goals of modern education, the requirements of a sound, comprehensive curriculum best suited to the needs of the students and the public, and any other factors consistent with the maintenance of a modern and efficient elementary and secondary school system;
- establish state standards for public kindergartens and public elementary and secondary schools;
- adopt rules for the general governance of public kindergartens and public elementary and secondary schools, regarding school and interscholastic activities, prohibiting discrimination, and as required to administer laws assigned to the board; and
- prescribe required or minimum courses of study.

The board may:⁸

- accept money or property which is donated for the use or benefit of the public kindergartens and public elementary and secondary schools and use such money or property for the purpose for which it was donated;
- apply for federal funds and accept and enter into any contracts or agreements on behalf of the state for the receipt of such funds from the federal government or its agencies for education purposes, career and technical education programs, and grants;
- adopt rules to administer the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for public and private prekindergarten through grade 12 schools and residential child care facilities; and
- acquire intellectual property of any kind, and may manage, develop, or dispose of that property.

⁵ [ORS 326.041 \(2019\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 326.011 and 326.111 \(2019\)](#).

⁷ [ORS 326.011 to 326.607 \(2019\)](#).

⁸ [ORS 326.051 to 326.540 \(2019\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Education, State Board of

Agency: Oregon Department of Education
Authorization: ORS 326.021
Members: Min: 9 Max: 9
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Education

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Jerome E Colonna 2nd District Term(s): 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022 07-01-2014 - 06-30-2018	Position Number: 2
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Cheri Helt Secretary of State Designee Term(s):	Position Number: 9
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Kimberly M Howard 3rd District Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2024 07-01-2016 - 06-30-2020	Position Number: 3
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Guadalupe L Martinez Zapata 1st District Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2024 12-17-2018 - 06-30-2020	Position Number: 6
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Tobias Read State Treasurer; Non-voting ex-officio Term(s):	Position Number: 8
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George H Russell 4th District Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2024 07-01-2016 - 06-30-2020	Position Number: 1
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Jennifer L Scurlock At large Term(s): 09-23-2019 - 06-30-2023	Position Number: 4
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Anthony L Veliz 5th District Term(s): 03-15-2017 - 03-14-2021 03-15-2013 - 03-14-2017	Position Number: 7
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Education, State Board of

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Education

Bridgett L Wheeler

At Large

Position Number: 5

Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2024
09-23-2016 - 06-30-2020

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At Large

Position Number: 5

Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2024
09-23-2016 - 06-30-2020