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MEMORANDUM

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

STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the State Board of Massage Therapists subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Carol Gray of Portland; New Appointment

Term

October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2024

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 687.115 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.⁴ All members of the board must be residents of this state. Members serve four-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor.

Four members must be licensed massage therapists (COMBE, **GRAY**, GROSSART, RODRIGUEZ). These members may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy, submitted by a professional organization representing massage therapists.

Three members must be members of the public, including one public member selected from a health-related field (CHEN, FOSTER-WEXLER, ODLE). Public members may not be massage therapists or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling of a massage therapist.

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 687.115 \(2019\)](#).

Duties and Authority

The board regulates the practice of massage therapy in Oregon.⁵ The board may adopt rules:⁶

- establishing reasonable standards concerning the sanitary and hygienic conditions of, and public health and safety for, premises and facilities used by massage therapists;
- establishing health, safety and infection control requirements for massage facilities;
- relating to the methods and procedures used in the practice of massage;
- governing the examination and investigation of applicants for a license and the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of such licenses and permits;
- setting standards for certifying classes required for licensure;
- requiring that a massage therapist supply the board with the accurate, current address or addresses where the massage therapist engages in the practice of massage;
- requiring that a person who holds a permit to operate a massage facility supply the board with the accurate, current address where the massage facility is located;
- fixing the educational, training and experience requirements for licensing by indorsement or reciprocity;
- establishing requirements for issuance and retention of an inactive massage therapist license or permit to operate a massage facility; and
- regarding any other matter that the board reasonably considers necessary and proper for the administration and enforcement of its authority.

The board must report to the proper district attorney all cases that in the judgment of the board warrant criminal prosecution.⁷ The board may:⁸

- investigate any alleged violation within the board's statutory authority and may take evidence, take the deposition of witnesses, compel the appearance of witnesses, require answers to interrogatories, and compel the production of materials pertaining to the matter under investigation;
- inspect the massage facility or premises in order to determine whether the massage facility or premises meet the standards set by order of the board; and
- assess a civil penalty against a person who violates standards administered by the board.

⁵ Oregon State Board of Massage Therapists, *About the Board*, <https://www.oregon.gov/obmt/Pages/about.aspx> (last visited September 14, 2020).

⁶ [ORS 687.121 \(2019\)](#).

⁷ [ORS 687.250 \(2019\)](#).

⁸ [ORS 687.122 to 687.250 \(2019\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Massage Therapists, State Board of

Agency: None
Authorization: ORS 687.115
Members: Min: 7 Max: 7
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Health

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Meng L Chen Public Member Term(s): 01-01-2019 - 12-31-2022 01-01-2015 - 12-31-2018	Position Number: 5
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John L Combe Term(s): 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2022	Position Number: 2
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Steven A Foster-Wexler Public Member; Health-related field - Acupuncture Term(s): 04-15-2017 - 04-14-2021 04-15-2013 - 04-14-2017	Position Number: 7
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Carol A Gray Licensed Massage Therapist Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 09-30-2024	Position Number: 3
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Jon Grossart Licensed Massage Therapist Term(s): 04-01-2017 - 03-31-2021 04-01-2013 - 03-31-2017	Position Number: 6
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Maria E Odle Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023	Position Number: 4
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Christa M Rodriguez Licensed Massage Therapist Term(s): 02-17-2020 - 02-16-2024 02-17-2016 - 02-16-2020	Position Number: 1
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Kelley A Rothenberger Licensed Massage Therapist Term(s): 10-01-2016 - 09-30-2020 10-01-2012 - 09-30-2016	Position Number: 3
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