



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

OREGON BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Joana Freedman of Portland; Reappointment

Term

November 17, 2020 – November 16, 2023

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 685.160 \(2019\)](#)

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. Of the members of the board:

- Five must be naturopathic physicians who have each practiced continuously in this state for the five years immediately prior to the date of appointment (ERFLING; GIBBONS; JINNAH; SKARPERUD; WALTER).
- Two must be members of the general public who are not naturopathic physicians or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a naturopathic physician (ANDERSON; **FREEDMAN**).

The Governor may select the members of the board who must be naturopathic physicians from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy, submitted by a professional organization representing naturopathic physicians.

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 685.160 \(2019\)](#).

Members serve three-year terms, at the pleasure of the Governor, and are eligible for reappointment but may not serve more than two consecutive full terms. A member must be removed immediately from the board if the member fails to retain qualifications for appointment or has three consecutive unexcused absences.

The board must annually elect one of its members as chair.⁵ The chair has power to summon witnesses, administer oaths, and take testimony and affidavits.

Duties and Authority

The board protects the public by licensing and regulating naturopathic physicians.⁶ The board must:⁷

- administer licensing for naturopathic physicians, including minimum requirements, examinations, reciprocal licensing, continuing education, and specialty certificates;
- adopt and assess fees for specified services;
- when proposing discipline, give opportunity for an administrative hearing; and
- appoint a member to serve on the Council on Naturopathic Physicians Formulary.

The board may:⁸

- offer a program of continuing education in naturopathic medicine and approve a program to be presented by persons reasonably qualified to do so;
- refuse to grant a license, suspend or revoke a license, limit a license, impose probation, issue a letter of reprimand, and impose a civil penalty not to exceed \$5,000 for specified violations;
- for the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check, require the fingerprints of specified individuals;
- maintain an action for an injunction against any person practicing, attempting to practice, or claiming to practice naturopathic medicine without a license;
- when conducting investigations: take evidence and depositions; compel the appearance of witnesses; require answers to interrogatories; compel the production of books, papers, accounts, documents, or testimony that pertains to the matter under investigation; and issue subpoenas; and
- impose civil penalties up to \$5,000 for each violation of the laws administered by the board.

⁵ [ORS 685.170 \(2019\)](#).

⁶ Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine, *About Us*, <https://www.oregon.gov/obnm/Pages/About-Us.aspx> (last visited September 14, 2020).

⁷ [ORS 685.060 to 685.145 \(2019\)](#).

⁸ [ORS 685.106 to 685.990 \(2019\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Naturopathic Medicine, Oregon Board of

Agency: Human Resources - Health

Authorization: ORS 685.160

Members: Min: 7 Max: 7

Term Length: 3 years Limit: 2

Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Health

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Jenny Anderson

Public Member

Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2022

Position Number: 7

Tracy N Erling

Naturopath

Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2022
09-26-2016 - 06-30-2019

Position Number: 6

Joana L Freedman

Public Member

Term(s): 11-17-2020 - 11-16-2023
11-17-2017 - 11-16-2020

Position Number: 5

Jennifer L Gibbons, ND

Naturopath

Term(s): 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2021
11-20-2015 - 06-30-2018

Position Number: 1

Keivan A Jinnah, ND

Naturopath

Term(s): 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2021
11-20-2015 - 06-30-2018

Position Number: 4

Robert A Skarperud, ND

Naturopath

Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2022
07-01-2016 - 06-30-2019

Position Number: 2

Bill Walter

Naturopath

Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2022

Position Number: 3