



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Regarding: Review of Executive Appointments
Date: May 18, 2022

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

STATE BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS

The Governor has appointed the following person to the State Board of Licensed Social Workers, subject to Senate confirmation:¹

New Appointee

Amy Ashton-Williams of Pendleton

Term

07-01-2022 – 06-30-2026

Statutory Authority

[ORS 675.590 \(2021\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven Oregon residents:

- three licensed clinical social workers (**ASHTON-WILLIAMS**, JENSEN and OUTLAND);
- one licensed baccalaureate or master's social worker, or a certified clinical social work associate (JANSSEN); and
- three representatives of the public with demonstrated interest in clinical social work who are not regulated social workers or the spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a regulated social worker (DENNIS, FANT and MANRIQUEZ).

Appointees who are regulated social workers may be chosen from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy submitted by any professional organization that represents clinical social workers. They serve four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. Members may

¹ [Or. Const. art. III, §4](#); [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2021\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 675.590 \(2021\)](#); and see [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

be removed immediately if they fail to meet appointment criteria or if they have three consecutive unexcused absences.

Duties⁴

The board regulates the practice of clinical social work including:

- licensing;
- establishing and collecting specified fees;
- formulating and enforcing a code of professional conduct;
- publishing the names and addresses of all persons authorized to practice on an annual basis;
- making a voluntary arbitration process available to clients to resolve disputes with providers; and
- reporting to the legislature.

The board may:

- provide for temporary licensure;
- establish written examination and continuing education requirements;
- require fingerprints in order to obtain a criminal records check;
- investigate alleged violations;
- issue subpoenas to compel persons or documents, conduct hearings; and
- impose certain sanctions, including civil penalties and taking action against a licensee.

⁴ [ORS 675.510 to 675.600 \(2021\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Social Workers, State Board of Licensed

Agency: Health Licensing Office
Authorization: ORS 675.590
Members: Min: 7 Max: 7
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Human Services

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Amy Ashton-Williams Social Worker Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026	Position Number: 5
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Brenda L Dennis Public Member Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2023 07-01-2015 - 06-30-2019 06-01-2014 - 06-30-2015	Position Number: 7
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John L Fant, Jr Public Member Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2024 03-15-2017 - 06-30-2020	Position Number: 6
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Mollie Janssen Social Worker Term(s): 09-23-2019 - 06-30-2023	Position Number: 2
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Rachel A Jensen Social Worker Term(s): 07-01-2015 - 06-30-2019 06-01-2012 - 06-30-2014	Position Number: 3
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Stephanie L Manriquez Term(s): 11-17-2017 - 06-30-2021	Position Number: 4
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Mary K Outland Social Worker Term(s): 07-01-2015 - 06-30-2019 06-01-2012 - 06-30-2015 07-01-1999 - 06-30-2003 07-01-1995 - 06-30-1999	Position Number: 1
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