



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Regarding: Review of Executive Appointments
Date: September 21, 2022

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

OREGON BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

The Governor has reappointed the following individual to the Oregon Board of Optometry, subject to Senate confirmation:¹

Reappointment

Ami Halvorson of Portland

Term

11-25-2022 – 11-24-2025

Statutory Authority

[ORS 683.250 \(2021\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board is made up of five state residents that include:

- four doctors of optometry licensed and in practice in Oregon (AYERS, **HALVERSON**, KAUTZ and WOODS); and
- one representative of public health care consumers who is not otherwise eligible for appointment, and who has no familial relationship with a doctor of optometry, nor any interest in health care professions, the health care industry, or the practice of optometry (GOOLSBY).

Appointees who are doctors of optometry may be selected from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy submitted by a professional organization representing them.

Appointees serve three-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. Individuals with specified conflicts of interest are prohibited from serving, and appointees must be removed if they no longer meet appointment criteria or are unexcused from three consecutive board meetings. The board selects its president and vice president, meets at least once a year, and a majority constitutes a quorum.

Duties⁴

The board is a semi-independent state agency that regulates the practice of optometry. Its duties include:

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

² [ORS 244.050](#).

³ [ORS 683.250 to 683.270](#); and see [ORS 182.100](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 683.020 to 683.330 \(2021\)](#).

- licensing optometrists, providing for qualifications, examinations, practice guidelines, continuing education and reciprocity;
- establishing and assessing fees for certain services;
- maintaining records of licensees, activities and property;
- approving clinics operated by universities and colleges of optometry;
- investigating complaints and providing for administrative hearings with respect to disciplinary actions;
- making appointments to the Council on Optometric Nontopical Formulary and adopting any formulary or portion of formulary it approves;
- designating pharmaceutical agents for topical use assisted by the Oregon Medical Board;
- conducting investigations and hearings; and
- taking disciplinary actions such as denying, revoking, suspending or refusing to renew a license, imposing probation or practice restrictions, enjoining a practice, and assessing costs and civil penalties.

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Optometry, Oregon Board of

Agency: Semi-independent
Authorization: ORS 683.250
Members: Min: 5 Max: 5
Term Length: 3 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Health

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Patrick C Ayres Doctor of Optometry Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 02-29-2024	Position Number: 1
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Laurie K Goolsby Public Member Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 09-30-2023	Position Number: 4
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Ami R Halvorson Doctor of Optometry Term(s): 11-25-2022 - 11-24-2025 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2022	Position Number: 5
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Gregory Kautz Doctor of Optometry Term(s): 06-10-2022 - 06-09-2025	Position Number: 3
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Ann S Woods Doctor of Optometry Term(s): 04-01-2022 - 03-31-2025 11-19-2021 - 03-31-2022	Position Number: 2
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