



MEMORANDUM

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

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

OREGON PATIENT SAFETY COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Oregon Patient Safety Commission Board of Directors, subject to Senate confirmation:¹

New Appointment

Katherine Hufft of Portland

Term

10-01-2022 – 07-01-2026

Statutory Authority

[ORS 442.830 \(2021\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of and 17 members that include:

- one Oregon university faculty member who is not involved in the direct delivery of health care (RAMIREZ);
- two representatives of group purchasers of health care who do not provide direct health care services or have a familial relationship with anyone who does; one of whom is employed by a state or other governmental entity (BUI and EVANS);
- two health care consumers who do not provide direct health care services or have a familial relationship with anyone who does (RUSSELL MORRIS and VACANT);
- two representatives of health insurers, including a domestic not-for-profit health care service contractors or a domestic insurance company licensed to transact health insurance or a health maintenance organization (ENGRAV and MARVIN);
- one representative of a statewide or national labor organization (HURST);
- two licensed physicians who are in active practice (CHADAGA and DANNENHOFFER);
- two hospital administrators or their designees (MITCHELL and ROSE);
- one licensed pharmacist (**HUFFT**);
- one representative of an ambulatory surgical center or an outpatient renal dialysis facility (KETCHUM);
- one licensed nurse who is actively in clinical practice (BEMETZ); and

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 442.830 \(2021\)](#); see also [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- one licensed nursing home administrator or one nursing home director of nursing services (VACANT); and
- the State Public Health Officer or their designee (SELOVER).

Appointees serve four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. They select a chair and vice chair and set their terms and duties. They also nominate candidates for the Governor's consideration when there is a vacancy. No voting member of the board may be an employee of the Patient Safety Commission.

Duties⁴

The board oversees the Oregon Patient Safety Commission. Its duties include:

- adopting rules necessary to implementation the Oregon Patient Safety Reporting Program, that includes developing a list of objective and definable serious adverse events to be reported by participants; developing a budget; establishing a process to seek grants and other funding from federal and other sources; establishing a method to determine participant fees, if necessary; establishing auditing and oversight procedures; and establishing criteria for terminating a participant from the program;
- maintaining the confidentiality of all patient safety data that identifies or could be reasonably used to identify a participant or an individual who is receiving or has received health care from the participant; and
- appointing an administrator who may not be a voting member of the board.

⁴ [ORS 442.820 and 442.831 to 442.835 \(2021\)](#). The Oregon Patient Safety Commission is a semi-independent state agency that seeks to reduce the risk of adverse events that harm patients by fostering candid engagement between stakeholders. Oregon Patient Safety Commission website, <<https://oregonpatientsafety.org/>> (last visited September 5, 2021).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Patient Safety Commission Board of Directors, Oregon

Agency: None
Authorization: ORS 442.830
Members: Min: 17 Max: 17
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Health

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Amy C Baker, PharmD Pharmacist Term(s): 10-01-2018 - 09-30-2022	Position Number: 13
Amanda J Bemetz Nurse Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 09-30-2023	Position Number: 15
Lisa T Bui Public Purchaser Term(s): 12-17-2018 - 09-30-2022	Position Number: 3
Hester B Carr Nurse Term(s): 10-01-2019 - 09-30-2023 06-01-2016 - 09-30-2019	Position Number: 15
Smitha R Chadaga Physician Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 09-30-2024	Position Number: 9
Robert L Dannenhoffer, MD Physician Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 09-30-2024	Position Number: 10
Mary B Engrav, MD Insurer Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 09-30-2024	Position Number: 7
Gayle M Evans, SPHR Private Purchaser Term(s): 10-01-2017 - 09-30-2021 03-01-2014 - 09-30-2017	Position Number: 2

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Policy Area: Health

Katherine Hufft Pharmacist Term(s): 10-01-2022 - 07-01-2026	Position Number: 13
Heather L Hurst Labor Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 09-30-2024	Position Number: 8
Kristi K Ketchum Ambulatory Surgical Center Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 09-30-2024	Position Number: 14
Linda H Kirschbaum, LNHA Nursing Facility Representative Term(s): 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022 02-14-2018 - 07-01-2018	Position Number: 16
Judith Marvin, Chair Insurer Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 09-30-2024 10-01-2016 - 09-30-2020	Position Number: 6
Leah M Mitchell Hospital Administrator Term(s): 10-01-2019 - 09-30-2023 11-20-2015 - 09-30-2019	Position Number: 12
Juancho A Ramirez, PharmD Faculty Term(s): 12-17-2018 - 09-30-2022	Position Number: 1
Regina P Rose Hospital Administrator Term(s): 10-01-2018 - 09-30-2022 11-20-2015 - 09-30-2018	Position Number: 11
Jessica H Russell Morris Healthcare Consumer Term(s): 10-01-2019 - 09-30-2023	Position Number: 5
Dana S Selover Public Health Officer; By Position Term(s):	Position Number: 17