



# MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate  
Regarding: Review of Executive Appointments  
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## STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS

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The Governor has appointed the following individual to the State Board of Massage Therapists, subject to Senate confirmation:<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointments

Shannon Gaul of Walton

### Term

09-28-2022 – 09-27-2026

### Statutory Authority

[ORS 687.115 \(2021\)](#).

### Statement of Economic Interest<sup>2</sup>

Not required.

### Composition<sup>3</sup>

The board consists of seven state residents that include:

- four licensed massage therapists (GRAY; ROWAN; RODRIGUEZ and **WALTON**); and
- three representatives of the public, including one from a health-related field (CHEN, ODLE and VACANT).

Terms are four years. Appointees who are licensed massage therapists may be selected from a list of three to five nominees per vacancy submitted by a professional organization representing massage therapists. Appointees representing the public may not be massage therapists or have a familial relationship with one.

### Duties<sup>4</sup>

The board regulates the practice of massage therapy. Its duties include:

- 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;
- adopting rules relating to the methods and procedures used in the practice of massage;
- governing the examination and investigation of applicants for a license and the denial, issuance, renewal, suspension, or revocation of same;
- setting standards to certify classes required for licensure;

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

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 687.115 \(2021\)](#); see also [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 687.122 to 687.250](#) and Oregon State Board of Massage Therapists website, *About the Board*, <<https://www.oregon.gov/obmt/Pages/about.aspx>> (last visited September 4, 2022).

- fixing the educational, training, and experience requirements for licensure by indorsement or reciprocity;
- establishing requirements for inactive massage therapist license or permit to operate a massage facility;
- conducting investigations, inspections and hearings and assessing civil penalties; and
- reporting any suspected criminal activity.

# 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

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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
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
Shannon Gaul Licensed Massage Therapist Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 09-27-2026	Position Number: 2
Carol A Gray Licensed Massage Therapist Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 09-30-2024	Position Number: 3
Maria E Odle Public Member Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023	Position Number: 4
Christina Rivas Public Member - Health-Related Field Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 09-27-2026	Position Number: 7
Christa M Rodriguez, Chair Licensed Massage Therapist Term(s): 02-17-2020 - 02-16-2024 02-17-2016 - 02-16-2020	Position Number: 1
Beckett K Rowan, Vice-Chair Licensed Massage Therapist Term(s): 04-01-2021 - 03-31-2025	Position Number: 6