



MEMORANDUM

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

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, subject to Senate confirmation:¹

New Appointments

Amy Costanza-Smith of Portland
Ilia Fong of Beaverton
Jazzmen Vega-Heath of Eugene

Term

09-28-2022 – 06-30-2025
09-28-2022 – 06-30-2025
09-28-2022 – 06-30-2023

Statutory Authority

[ORS 681.400 \(2021\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven state residents that include:

- two licensed audiologists (**FONG** and SLOUGH);
- two licensed speech-language pathologists (**CONSTANZA-SMITH** and MARTIN);
- one person licensed to practice medicine and certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology (HARGUNANI); and
- two representatives of the public who are not otherwise eligible for appointment to the board, who do not have a familial relationship with an audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or a person licensed to practice medicine and certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology (WILLIAMS and **VEGA-HEATH**).

Appointees required to be licensed audiologists or speech-language pathologists may be selected from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy submitted by any professional organization representing those professions.

Appointees serve three-year terms and are removed immediately if they cease to meet appointment criteria during their service or they are absent unexcused from three consecutive board meetings. The board selects its chair and vice chair and sets their terms and duties; a majority constitutes a quorum; and they meet at least once a year.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 681.400, 681.430 and 681.440 \(2021\)](#); see also [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The board administers licensing for and regulates the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology. Its duties include:

- administering licensing and certification for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech-language pathology assistants, including ethical standards;
- adopting rules to define the role of speech-language pathology assistants;
- conducting investigations and hearings;
- taking any action with respect to licensure such as issuing temporary or conditional licenses, waiving specified requirements, refusing to issue or renew, suspending, revoking, restricting, imposing probation, and seeking injunctions; and
- taking other disciplinary actions including assessment of costs and civil penalties.

⁴ [ORS 681.230 to 681.495 \(2021\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, State Board of Examiners

for

Agency: Department of Human Services
Authorization: ORS 681.400
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)

Amy Constanza-Smith Speech Language Pathologist Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 06-30-2025	Position Number: 3
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Vicky Edwards Speech Pathologist Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2022 07-01-2016 - 06-30-2019	Position Number: 3
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Ilia Fong Audiologist Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 06-30-2025	Position Number: 1
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Chris Hargunani Otolaryngologist Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 06-30-2023	Position Number: 6
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Amy J Martin Speech Pathologist Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2023 09-27-2018 - 06-30-2020	Position Number: 5
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Dustin D Ooley Audiologist Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2022 07-01-2016 - 06-30-2019	Position Number: 1
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Carrie E Slough Audiologist Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 06-30-2023	Position Number: 2
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Jazzmen Vega-Heath Public Member Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 06-30-2023	Position Number: 4
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Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, State Board of Examiners for

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Health

Clarence Williams

Public Member

Position Number: 7

Term(s): 07-01-2021 - 06-30-2024
09-28-2018 - 06-30-2021