



MEMORANDUM

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

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

STATE MORTUARY AND CEMETERY BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the State Mortuary and Cemetery Board, subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointment

Joseph Britton of Portland

Term

09-28-2022 – 09-27-2026

Statutory Authority

[ORS 692.300 \(2021\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of 11 Oregon residents that include:

- one funeral service practitioner (GASKILL);
- two representing an immediate disposition company or a licensed funeral establishment, one of whom is a licensed embalmer (BONE and LOVELAND);
- three cemetery representatives: one for-profit cemetery (MCKENZIE-TUCKER), one nonprofit cemetery (FELTON), and owned or operated by a local government (PORTER);
- one representing a crematorium or other facility for final disposition that is not a cemetery (COLLINS); and
- four representatives of the public, one of whom belongs to a recognized senior citizen organization (**BRITTON**, CANIZARES, HARRIS and PACHECO).

For vacancies other than public representatives, appointments may be made from lists of three to five nominees per vacancy submitted by professional organizations that represent individuals or facilities regulated by the board. Appointees serve four-year terms; the board elects its president and a secretary for one year; and they meet at least twice a year.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 692.300 \(2021\)](#); and see [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The board regulates death care facilities and practitioners. Its duties include:

- conducting examinations and issuing licenses;
- establishing and collecting certain fees;
- receiving complaints, conducting investigations and hearings, and taking disciplinary actions;
- inspecting the premises and records of regulated entities and any other locations where human remains may be prior to final disposition, at least once every two years;
- employing personnel to perform inspections and undertake enforcement activities; and
- maintaining a list of institutions that receive deceased persons for education or research purposes.

⁴ [ORS 97.170, 692.320 and 692.405 to 692.415 \(2021\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Mortuary and Cemetery Board, State

Agency: Department of Human Services
Authorization: ORS 692.300
Members: Min: 11 Max: 11
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Health

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

David A Bone Funeral Service Practitioner/Embalmer Term(s): 01-01-2019 - 12-31-2022 01-01-2016 - 12-31-2018	Position Number: 1
Joseph Britton Public Member Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 09-27-2026	Position Number: 8
Ruggiero S Canizares Public Member Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2024	Position Number: 9
Craig Collins Crematorium Operator Term(s): 01-01-2020 - 12-31-2023	Position Number: 6
Nancy L Felton Funeral Service Practitioner, Non Profit Cemetery Term(s): 01-01-2022 - 12-31-2025 01-01-2018 - 12-31-2021 09-25-2017 - 12-31-2017	Position Number: 4
Rob Gaskill Funeral Service Practitioner Term(s): 05-15-2019 - 12-31-2022	Position Number: 2
Debra C Harris Public Member Term(s): 05-15-2019 - 12-31-2022	Position Number: 11
Kevin B Loveland Crematorium Operator Term(s): 03-01-2022 - 02-28-2026 01-01-2016 - 12-31-2018 09-18-2013 - 12-31-2015	Position Number: 3

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Angela R McKenzie-Tucker Funeral Service Practitioner, Embalmer, Fnl Est or IDC, For profit cemetery Term(s): 01-01-2022 - 12-31-2025 01-01-2018 - 12-31-2021 09-25-2017 - 12-31-2017	Position Number: 10
Beth Pacheco Public Member Term(s): 01-01-2022 - 12-31-2025 01-01-2018 - 12-31-2021 09-25-2017 - 12-31-2017	Position Number: 7
Melissa J Porter Cemetery Operator (City/County Owned) Term(s): 02-14-2020 - 12-31-2023	Position Number: 5