

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules and  
Executive Appointments

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BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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## BOARD OF MEDICAL IMAGING

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Board of Medical Imaging subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointee

Luke Breazeal of Albany

### Re-appointee

Joseph Whetstone of Portland

### Terms

Breazeal: June 5, 2024 – June 4, 2028

Whetstone: April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2027

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 688.545 \(2023\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The board consists of 12 Oregon residents, including:

- one radiologist (PYLE);
- three licensed physicians (BIROUTI, KHAROTI, **WHETSTONE**);
- five individuals who are actively engaged medical imaging licensees, including:
  - one diagnostic medical sonographer (WOGU);
  - one magnetic resonance imager (OWENS);
  - one nuclear medicine technologist (**BREAZEAL**);
  - one radiation therapist (GILLILAND); and
  - one radiographer (MUMPER-ABDELQADER); and
- three public members (DEGMAN, HEMPHILL, PARROTT).

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 688.545 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

The Oregon Health Authority Radiation Protection Services section manager, or designee, is an advisory member of the board for the purpose of providing counsel.

If not enough applications are received for the three licensed physician positions, the Governor may appoint these members from applicants who have been retired for fewer than six years and who are either registered with the board as retired emeritus physicians, or who provide the board with notice of retirement. If that fails to yield sufficient applications, the Governor may appoint the remaining board members among any combination of the following:

- a licensed chiropractic physician who is certified by the American Chiropractic Board of Radiology as a Diplomate of the American Chiropractic Board of Radiology;
- an actively engaged medical imaging licensee;
- a permitted limited X-ray machine operator; or
- a member of the public.

Licensee members may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy, submitted by a professional organization representing medical imaging licensees. Public members may not be otherwise eligible for appointment or be related to a person issued a license or permit by the board.

Members serve three-year terms. Seven members constitutes a quorum.

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

The board regulates the practice of medical imaging. The board must:

- annually elect a chair and a vice chair;
- meet at least once every three months;
- issue licenses and permits;
- adopt rules;
- establish and collect reasonable fees;
- approve continuing education programs in medical imaging modalities and for limited X-ray machine operators;
- oversee examinations given each year for a limited X-ray machine operator permit; and
- require each licensee and permittee to submit evidence of continuing education pertinent to the license or permit.

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<sup>4</sup> [ORS 688.405 to 688.605 \(2023\)](#).



## Medical Imaging, Board of

Agency: **Health Authority, Oregon**

Authorization: **ORS 688.545**

Min Members: **12** Max Members: **12**

Term Length: **3** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

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## Current Appointments

**Dr Pyle, Chelsea MD**

Physician/Radiologist

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

**11/19/2021 - 11/18/2024**

**Dr Whetstone, Joseph "Joe" L MD**

Physician (Radiologist)

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

**4/1/2024 - 3/31/2027**

**4/1/2021 - 3/31/2024**

**Dr Kharoti, Yama K MD**

Physician (Radiology)

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

**5/15/2022 - 5/14/2025**

**5/15/2019 - 5/14/2022**

**Dr Birouti, Nourolhoda "Nour" MD**

Physician (Radiology)

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

**3/15/2023 - 3/14/2026**

**3/15/2020 - 3/14/2023**

**Wogu, Katrina**

Medical Imaging Licensee (Sonography)

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

**6/10/2022 - 6/9/2025**

**Mumper-Abdelqader, Tracy**

Medical Imaging Licensee (Radiographer)

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

**2/16/2024 - 2/15/2027**

**Gilliland, Kelli**

Medical Imaging Licensee (Radiation Therapy)

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

**6/10/2022 - 6/9/2025**

**Owens, Jeffrey**

Medical Imaging Licensee (MRI)

Position Number: **8**

Term(s):

**2/16/2024 - 2/15/2027**

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**Ms Bennett, Vanessa R** Term(s): **5/25/2021 - 5/24/2024**  
Medical Imaging Licensee (Nuclear Medicine Technology) **5/25/2018 - 5/24/2021**  
Position Number: **9**

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**Brezeal, Luke** Term(s): **6/5/2024 - 6/4/2028**  
Medical Imaging Licensee (Nuclear Medicine Technology)  
Position Number: **9**

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**Hemphill, Myndi** Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 2/15/2027**  
Public Member  
Position Number: **10**

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**Degman, Dustin** Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2026**  
Public Member  
Position Number: **11**

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## Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
12	Dr Boucher, Ronald J	Governor	4/1/2018	3/31/2021
12	Dr Boucher, Ronald J	Governor	4/1/2015	3/31/2018
12	Dr Farthing, David G	Governor	7/1/2010	6/30/2013