

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules and
Executive Appointments

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BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the State Board of Education subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Sarah Wofford of Grants Pass

Term

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 326.021 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of 11 members, nine of which are appointed by the Governor.

Membership includes:

- a resident from each congressional district (LOPEZ SANCHEZ (CD1), VACANT (CD2), FORDE (CD3), WHEELER (CD4), MONTGOMERY (CD5), MARTINEZ ZAPATA (CD6));
- three at large members: one licensed teacher (SCURLOCK); one classified staff member in a public school or an education service district (**WOFFORD**); and one without specified requirements (RICHARDSON);
- the State Treasurer, or designee, *ex officio*, nonvoting (READ); and
- the Secretary of State, or designee, *ex officio*, nonvoting (GRIFFIN-VALADE).

Gubernatorial appointees serve four-year terms and may not be appointed to more than two full terms. The Governor may remove appointed members for cause at any time after notice and public hearing. The board must meet at least six times each year and elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.⁴

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 326.021 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 326.041 \(2023\)](#).

Duties⁵

The board establishes statewide policy for the administration and operation of public elementary and secondary schools and oversees the Department of Education.

The board must:

- consider the goals of modern education; the requirements of a sound, comprehensive curriculum best suited to the needs of the students and the public; and any other factors consistent with the maintenance of a modern and efficient elementary and secondary school system;
- establish state standards for public kindergartens and public elementary and secondary schools;
- adopt rules for the general governance of public kindergartens and public elementary and secondary schools, regarding school and interscholastic activities, prohibiting discrimination, and as required to administer laws assigned to the board; and
- prescribe required or minimum courses of study.

The board may also:

- accept money or property which is donated for the use or benefit of public kindergartens and public elementary and secondary schools and use such money or property for the purpose for which it was donated;
- apply for federal funds and accept and enter into any contracts or agreements on behalf of the state for the receipt of such funds from the federal government or its agencies for education purposes, career and technical education programs, and grants;
- adopt rules to administer the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for public and private prekindergarten through grade 12 schools and residential child care facilities; and
- acquire intellectual property of any kind and manage, develop, or dispose of that property.

⁵ [ORS 326.011 to 326.607 \(2023\)](#).



Education, State Board of

Agency: **Education, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 326.021**

Min Members: **9** Max Members: **11**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Education**

Board Admin: **Corey Rosenberg**

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Current Appointments

López Sánchez , Virginia "Vicky"

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027**

CD 1

Position Number: **1**

Forde, Libra

Term(s): **7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028**

CD 3

10/5/2023 - 6/30/2024

Position Number: **3**

Mrs Wheeler, Bridgett L

Term(s): **7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024**

CD 4

9/23/2016 - 6/30/2020

Position Number: **4**

Montgomery, Shimiko

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 6/30/2026**

CD 5

Position Number: **5**

Martinez Zapata, Guadalupe L

Term(s): **7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024**

CD 6

12/17/2018 - 6/30/2020

Position Number: **6**

Mrs Scurlock, Jennifer L

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**

At-Large (Teacher)

9/23/2019 - 6/30/2023

Position Number: **7**

Wofford, Sarah

Term(s): **7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028**

At-Large (Classified Staff)

Position Number: **8**

Ms Richardson, Cynthia A

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027**

At-Large

Position Number: **9**

Treasurer Read, Tobias

Term(s): -

State Treasurer; Non-voting ex-officio

Position Number: **10**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
2	Mr Morales, Gustavo	Governor	9/28/2022	6/30/2026
2	Mr Colonna, Jerome E	Governor	7/1/2018	6/30/2022
2	Mr Colonna, Jerome E	Governor	7/1/2014	6/30/2018
2	Mr Hamilton, Gerald J	Governor	7/1/2012	6/30/2016
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
11	<i>No prior appointments</i>			