

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
Executive Appointments

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BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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STATE MORTUARY AND CEMETERY BOARD

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

New Appointee

Neal Naigus of Portland

Re-appointee

Melissa Porter of Adams

Terms

Naigus: June 5, 2024 – June 4, 2028

Porter: January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 692.300 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of 11 Oregon residents, including:

- one funeral service practitioner (GASKILL);
- two representatives of an immediate disposition company or a licensed funeral establishment, with at least one licensed embalmer (BONE, LOVELAND);
- three representatives of cemeteries from:
 - a for-profit cemetery (MCKENZIE-TUCKER);
 - a nonprofit cemetery (FELTON); and
 - a cemetery owned or operated by a city, county, or special district (PORTER);
- one representative of a crematorium or other facility for final disposition of human remains that is not a cemetery (COLLINS); and

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 692.300 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- four public members, with one from a recognized senior citizen organization (CANIZARES, HARRIS, **NAIGUS**, PACHECO).

Each professional member may be selected from a list of nominees submitted by related professional organizations. Members serve four-year terms. The board elects its president and secretary. The board must meet at least semi-annually.

Duties⁴

The board regulates death care facilities and practitioners. The board must:

- offer exams, issue licenses, and establish licensing fees;
- inspect premises and records of funeral establishments, cemeteries, crematoriums, immediate disposition companies, and other facilities used for the final disposition of human remains and any other location at which human remains may be stored, temporarily held, or processed prior to final disposition;
- employ persons to perform inspections and to aid in the enforcement;
- conduct an investigation upon receipt of a complaint;
- conduct hearings when the board takes specified disciplinary actions;
- have a common seal;
- publish the statutes and rules administered by the board;
- adopt rules promoting environmentally sound death care practices;
- establish fees and adopt rules regarding their use; and
- maintain a list of institutions that may accept or process bodies for education or research purposes.

The board may:

- randomly inspect or establish a self-inspection program;
- set criteria by which an operating cemetery is exempt from inspections;
- hold hearings and conduct investigations;
- employ staff, fix their compensation, and incur other necessary expenses;
- institute proceedings in the circuit courts to enforce obedience by injunction;
- investigate a complaint made by any person or by the board; and
- impose civil penalties, suspend or revoke a license to practice or to operate.

⁴ [ORS 692.405 to 692.415 \(2023\)](#).



Mortuary and Cemetery Board, State

Agency: **Human Services, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 692.300**

Min Members: **0** Max Members: **11**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Chad Dresselhaus**

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Current Appointments

Mr Gaskill, Robert "Rob" L Funeral Service Practitioner/Enbalmer Position Number: 1	Term(s): 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026 5/15/2019 - 12/31/2022
Mr Loveland, Kevin B Funeral Service Establishment Rep (Embalmer) Position Number: 3	Term(s): 3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026 1/1/2016 - 12/31/2018 9/18/2013 - 12/31/2015
Felton, Nancy L Cemetery Rep (Nonprofit) Position Number: 5	Term(s): 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021 9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017
Ms McKenzie-Tucker, Angela R Cemetery Rep (For Profit / Embalmer) Position Number: 4	Term(s): 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021 9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017
Collins, Gary "Craig" C Crematorium Rep Position Number: 7	Term(s): 1/1/2024 - 12/21/2027 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023
Ms Porter, Melissa J Cemetery Rep (City/County Owned/Operated) Position Number: 6	Term(s): 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2027 2/14/2020 - 12/31/2023
Ms Pacheco, Elizabeth "Beth" K Public Member Position Number: 10	Term(s): 1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025 1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021 9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017
Naigus, Neal Public Member Position Number: 8	Term(s): 6/5/2024 - 6/4/2028

Mr Canizares, Ruggiero S

Term(s):

7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024

Public Member

Position Number: **9**

Dr Harris, Debra C

Term(s):

1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026

Public Member

5/15/2019 - 12/31/2022

Position Number: **11**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
2	Mr Gaskill, Robert "Rob" L	Governor	5/15/2019	12/31/2022
2	Mr Loveland, Kevin B	Governor	1/1/2016	12/31/2018
2	Mr Loveland, Kevin B	Governor	9/18/2013	12/31/2015
2	Mr Korn, Kevin D	Governor	1/1/2010	12/31/2012
2	Mr Korn, Kevin D	Governor	1/1/2006	12/31/2009