

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules and  
Executive Appointments

DATE: May 23, 2024

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



## STATE BOARD OF FORESTRY

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Board of Forestry, subject to Senate confirmation:<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointees

Heath Curtiss of Silverton

Bob Van Dyke of Forest Grove

### Terms

June 5, 2024 – February 28, 2025

### Statutory Authority

[ORS 526.009 \(2023\)](#).

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

Required.

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

The board is comprised of seven individuals, including:<sup>4</sup>

- at least one from each of the state's three forest regions:
  - Eastern (JUSTICE, KELLY);
  - Northwest (**CURTISS**, DEUMLING, McCOMB, **VAN DYK**); and
  - Southwest (AGPAOA).

No more than three members may derive a significant portion of their income from persons or organizations subject to regulation under the Oregon Forest Practices Act, and no member may have any relationship or pecuniary interest that would interfere with their representing the public interest. Members serve four-year terms, limited to two full consecutive terms. The Governor designates the chair. The board meets the first Wednesday after the first Monday in January, March, June, and September.

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

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 526.009 and 526.016 \(2023\)](#)

## Duties<sup>5</sup>

The board supervises all matters of forest policy and management under the state's jurisdiction. The board must:

- adopt rules and set civil penalties for certain violations;
- appoint the State Forester to direct the Oregon Department of Forestry and act as the Board's secretary, and generally supervise the State Forester;
- adjudicate appeals;
- exercise responsibility for the management of the Forest Resource Trust;
- establish committees to assist with the administration of its duties;
- coordinate with appropriate state and local agencies regarding procedures to be followed for review and comment on individual forest operations;
- designate Common School Forest Lands with the Department of State Lands;
- appoint advisory committees to make recommendations;
- perform aspects of land and real property acquisition and disposition, including exercising eminent domain and selling revenue bonds, and entering private property to make determinations;
- secure forest tree seedlings to reforest forestlands and to operate a nursery;
- direct the State Forester for the development of stewardship contracts, utilizing private contractors, and entering into stewardship agreements with federal agencies to carry out forest management activities on federal lands;
- create forums for interagency cooperation and collaborative public involvement regarding federal forest management issues;
- provide guidelines concerning the management of federal lands; and
- participate in the development of federal forest policies and the forest management planning processes of federal agencies as appropriate.

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 526.016 to 526.783 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 530.010 to 530.510 \(2023\)](#).



## Forestry, State Board of

Agency: **Forestry, Oregon Department**

Authorization: **ORS 526.009**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **7**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Natural Resources**

Board Admin: **Eleni Collins**

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## Current Appointments

**Dr McComb, Brenda C**

Northwest Oregon Region

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 9/27/2026**

**9/28/2018 - 9/27/2022**

**Ms Agpaoa, Elizabeth "Liz"**

Southwest Oregon Region

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **11/19/2021 - 11/18/2025**

**Mrs Chambers, Karla S**

Northwest Oregon Region

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **3/1/2021 - 2/28/2025**

**Curtiss, Heath**

Northwest Oregon Region

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **6/5/2024 - 2/28/2025**

**Mr Justice, Joseph "Joe" M**

Eastern Oregon Region

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 9/27/2026**

**9/28/2018 - 9/27/2022**

**Kelly, James "Jim" O**

Eastern Oregon Region

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **3/1/2024 - 2/28/2028**

**3/1/2020 - 2/29/2024**

**9/28/2018 - 2/29/2020**

**Ms Ferrari, Chandra A**

Northwest Oregon Region

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **3/1/2021 - 2/28/2025**

**Van Dyk, Robert "Bob"**

Northwest Oregon Region

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **6/5/2024 - 2/28/2025**

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**Deumling, Benjamin "Ben" H**

Term(s):

**3/1/2021 - 2/28/2025**

Northwest Oregon Region

Position Number: **7**

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## Vacant Positions

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