

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 MARINE BOARD

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

New Appointee

Dax Messett of Medford

Term

October 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 830.105 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The board consists of five U.S citizens and Oregon residents who have lived in Oregon for at least one year (JACKSON, GUZMAN, LAMBERT, **MESSETT**, WITHEE).

The board selects its chair and secretary for one-year terms. Three members constitutes a quorum. The board must meet at least once a quarter.⁴

Duties⁵

The board promotes boating safety through education, enforcement, access, and environmental stewardship. The board must:

- maintain and distribute a report of stolen and recovered boats;
- administer a program designed to beautify and protect rivers through waste and invasive species removal;
- establish and implement a mandatory boating safety education program;
- administer boat registration requirements and maintain specified records;

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 830.105 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 830.130 \(2023\)](#).

⁵ [ORS 830.035 to 830.995 \(2023\)](#).

- promote uniformity of boating laws;
- advise and assist county sheriffs in the enforcement of boating laws;
- study, plan, and recommend the development of boating facilities;
- publicize the advantage of safe boating;
- require the bonding of agents to issue temporary boat operating permits;
- publish and distribute boating laws and forms;
- conduct a survey to determine boating activity during each year;
- appoint a State Marine Director who serves at the pleasure of the board; and
- administer grant programs, funds, safety requirements, and permit programs.

The board may:

- accept gifts and grants of property and money;
- exempt from any laws administered by the board any class of boats if it determines that the safety of persons and property will not be materially promoted by the applicability of those provisions;
- institute proceedings to enjoin unlawful obstructions injuring free navigation on the waters of this state;
- remove extraordinary hazards from natural causes; and
- make regulations for specified waterways of the state.



Marine Board, State

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 830.105**

Min Members: **5** Max Members: **5**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Natural Resources**

Board Admin: **Larry Warren**

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Current Appointments

Mr Withee, Craig C

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025

9/28/2018 - 6/30/2021

Lambert, Steven

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 6/30/2027

Mr Guzman, Jorge F

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025

Messett, Dax

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

10/1/2024 - 6/30/2028

Ms Jackson, Laura A

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027

7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023

3/1/2019 - 6/30/2019

Vacant Positions