

# 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

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

### New Appointee

Holly Houston of St. Helens

### Re-appointee

Ruggiero Canizares of Eugene

### Terms

Canizares: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028

Houston: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2028

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

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

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

Not required.

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

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 (**HOUSTON**, **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

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

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

<sup>3</sup> [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.

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

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.

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<sup>4</sup> [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

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| <b>Mr Gaskill, Robert "Rob" L</b><br>Funeral Service Practitioner/Enbalmer<br>Position Number: <b>1</b>   | Term(s):<br><b>1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026</b><br><b>5/15/2019 - 12/31/2022</b>                                 |
| <b>Mr Loveland, Kevin B</b><br>Funeral Service Establishment Rep (Embalmer)<br>Position Number: <b>3</b>  | Term(s):<br><b>3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026</b><br><b>1/1/2016 - 12/31/2018</b><br><b>9/18/2013 - 12/31/2015</b>  |
| <b>Houston, Holly</b><br>Combination (Funeral Service Practitioner/Embalmer)<br>Position Number: <b>2</b> | Term(s):<br><b>10/1/2024 - 9/30/2028</b>  |
| <b>Felton, Nancy L</b><br>Cemetery Rep (Nonprofit)<br>Position Number: <b>5</b>                           | Term(s):<br><b>1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025</b><br><b>1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021</b><br><b>9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017</b> |
| <b>Ms McKenzie-Tucker, Angela R</b><br>Cemetery Rep (For Profit / Embalmer)<br>Position Number: <b>4</b>  | Term(s):<br><b>1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025</b><br><b>1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021</b><br><b>9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017</b> |
| <b>Collins, Gary "Craig" C</b><br>Crematorium Rep<br>Position Number: <b>7</b>                            | Term(s):<br><b>1/1/2024 - 12/21/2027</b><br><b>1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023</b>                                  |
| <b>Ms Porter, Melissa J</b><br>Cemetery Rep (City/County Owned/Operated)<br>Position Number: <b>6</b>     | Term(s):<br><b>1/1/2024 - 12/31/2027</b><br><b>2/14/2020 - 12/31/2023</b>                                 |
| <b>Ms Pacheco, Elizabeth "Beth" K</b><br>Public Member<br>Position Number: <b>10</b>                      | Term(s):<br><b>1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025</b><br><b>1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021</b><br><b>9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017</b> |

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| <b>Naigus, Neal</b>       | Term(s): | <b>6/5/2024 - 6/4/2028</b> |
| Public Member             |          |                            |
| Position Number: <b>8</b> |          |                            |

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| <b>Mr Canizares, Ruggiero S</b> | Term(s): | <b>7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028</b> |
| Public Member                   |          | <b>7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024</b> |
| Position Number: <b>9</b>       |          |                             |

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| <b>Dr Harris, Debra C</b>  | Term(s): | <b>1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026</b>  |
| Public Member              |          | <b>5/15/2019 - 12/31/2022</b> |
| Position Number: <b>11</b> |          |                               |

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## Vacant Positions