

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules and
Executive Appointments

DATE: September 10, 2024

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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AND RESEARCH OFFICE

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST AND POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST LICENSING BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Carrie Coffman of Jacksonville

Darrell Waite of Coquille

Terms

October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 688.820 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven Oregon residents, including:

- three respiratory care practitioners (BURTON, ERICKSON, **WAITE**);
- two polysomnography practitioners (**COFFMAN**, STONE);
- one qualified medical director for polysomnography or for respiratory care (LEFOR); and
- one member of the general public (HERRERA-FUENTES).

Members serve four-year terms and may be selected by the Governor from a list of nominees for each vacancy, submitted by the Oregon Society for Respiratory Care or another professional organization representing respiratory care practitioners or polysomnographic technologists. The board selects its chair and vice chair.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 688.820 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The board oversees the practices of respiratory therapists and polysomnographic technologists. The board must:

- establish standards of practice and professional responsibility for persons licensed by the Health Licensing Office; and
- provide for waivers of examinations, grandfathering requirements, and temporary licenses as considered appropriate.

⁴ [ORS 688.830 \(2023\)](#).



Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board

Agency: **Health Licensing Office**

Authorization: **ORS 688.820**

Min Members: **0** Max Members: **7**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Derek Fultz**

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Current Appointments

Mr Erickson, Michael "Mike" D RRT

Respiratory Care Practitioner

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

6/1/2021 - 5/31/2025

Burton, Richard II

Respiratory Care Practitioner

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 2/15/2028

Dr Lefor, Michael J MD

Qualified Medical Director For Polysomnography or
Respiratory Care

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

3/1/2016 - 2/28/2020

3/1/2012 - 2/29/2016

Waite, Darrell

Licensed Respiratory Therapist

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

10/1/2024 - 9/30/2028

Coffman, Carrie

Licensed Respiratory Therapist

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

10/1/2024 - 9/30/2028

Stone, Corrine

Polysomnographic Technologist

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

6/5/2024 - 6/4/2028

Herrera-Fuentes, Pablo A

Public Member

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023

Vacant Positions