

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules and
Executive Appointments

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BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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OREGON HEALTH POLICY BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Health Policy Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Reappointees

Rosemarie Hemmings of Beaverton
William Kramer of Portland
Melina Moran of Bend

Terms

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 413.006 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The board consists of nine members who are U.S. citizens and Oregon residents, and who represent geographic, ethnic, gender, racial, and economic diversities, with demonstrated leadership in their professional and civic lives, and collectively offering experience in consumer advocacy, management of a company that offers health insurance, public health, finance, organized labor, health care, and small business operation. (GERMANN, **HEMMINGS**, HOOD-RONICK, ISAACSON, JOHNSON, **KRAMER**, **MORAN**, SAMPSON, STARKEY).⁴

Appointees serve four-year terms. At least one must have an active Oregon license to provide health care. No more than four members may be employed by, or derive household income from, health care, or receive health care benefits from a publicly funded state health benefit plan.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

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

⁴ [ORS 413.006 \(2023\)](#) and [ORS 413.007 \(2023\)](#).

The Governor designates the chair and vice-chair. The board must meet at least once a month and at least once every two years in each congressional district.

Duties⁵

The board oversees and makes policy for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The board must:

- develop and submit a plan to the Legislative Assembly to provide and fund access to affordable, quality health care;
- develop a program to provide health insurance premium assistance to all low- and moderate-income residents;
- publish anonymized, aggregate data collected by OHA;
- establish evidence-based clinical standards and practice guidelines for providers;
- approve and monitor community-centered health initiatives and report to the Legislative Assembly;
- establish cost-containment mechanisms to reduce health care costs;
- ensure that the health care workforce is sufficient in numbers and training to meet demand created by the expansion in health coverage, health care system transformations, an increasingly diverse population, and an aging workforce;
- work with Oregon’s congressional delegation;
- establish a health benefit package as the baseline for plans offered through the health insurance exchange;
- investigate and report annually to the Legislative Assembly on the feasibility of future changes to the health insurance market;
- meet cost-containment goals;
- oversee the expenditure of moneys from the Health Care Workforce Strategic Fund;
- work with the Public Health Benefit Purchasers Committee, administrators of the medical assistance program (Medicaid), and the Department of Corrections to identify uniform contracting standards for health benefit plans;
- appoint membership to and work with the Health Information Technology Oversight Council; and
- establish and work with specified committees.

⁵ [ORS 413.011 \(2023\)](#).



Health Policy Board, Oregon

Agency: **Health Authority, Oregon**

Authorization: **ORS 413.006**

Min Members: **9** Max Members: **9**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Tara Chetock**

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Current Appointments

Germann, Antonio

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **1/1/2024 - 12/31/2027**

10/5/2023 - 12/31/2023

Starkey, Peter

Non-health Care Member

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 12/31/2027**

Ms Isaacson, Kirsten L

Expertise/Experience: Research Director/ Health policy research/ unions

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026**

1/1/2019 - 12/31/2022

Ms Johnson, Brenda I

Expertise/Experience: CEO/ Health system and clinic perspective

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025**

1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021

6/1/2016 - 12/31/2017

Moran, Melina

Health Care Seat; Current active health care provider

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028**

9/28/2022 - 12/31/2024

Dr. Hemmings, Rosemarie

Health Care Seat; Current active health care provider

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028**

10/5/2023 - 12/31/2024

Kramer, William "Bill" E

Consultant/Health Ins, finance and metrics

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028**

5/14/2021 - 12/31/2024

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
5	Hood-Ronick, Carly	Governor	2/16/2024	12/31/2025
5	Mr Arana, Oscar U	Governor	1/1/2022	12/31/2025
5	Mr Arana, Oscar U	Governor	1/1/2018	12/31/2021
5	Mr Arana, Oscar U	Governor	6/1/2016	12/31/2017
5	Ms Watson, Lisa A	Governor	3/1/2014	12/31/2017

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
9	Ms Sampson, Sandra "Sandy" D	Governor	3/1/2022	12/31/2022
9	Shippentower, Rosenda A	Governor	1/1/2019	12/31/2022
9	Shippentower, Rosenda A	Governor	12/17/2018	12/31/2018
9	Ms Joplin, Karen B	Governor	10/1/2015	12/31/2018