

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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STATE BOARD OF TAX PRACTITIONERS

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Board of Tax Practitioners subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Reappointees

Corina Drake-Minior of Central Point
Jay Warthen of Brownsville
Catherine Weesner of Happy Valley

Terms

June 10, 2025 – June 9, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 673.725 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven members, including

- six licensed as tax consultants (BRADLEY, **DRAKE-MINIOR**, FEDELHOUSEN, THARP, **WARTHEN**, **WEESNER**); and
- one member of the general public (VACANT).

The tax consultants must have prepared personal income tax returns for at least five years. Members serve three-year terms.

Duties⁴

The board regulates tax consultants and tax preparers. The board must

- determine licensure applicant qualifications; manage licensure examinations; and issue licenses for tax consultants and preparers;
- adopt and assess fees for specified services; and

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 673.725 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 673.605 to 673.740 \(2023\)](#).

- formulate a code of professional conduct.



Tax Practitioners, State Board of

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 673.725**

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

Term Length: **3** Term Limit: **3**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Jobs/Economy**

Board Admin: **Laura Kardokus**

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Current Appointments

Warthen, Jay

Tax Consultant

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **6/10/2025 - 6/9/2028**

6/10/2022 - 6/9/2025

Weesner, Catherine

Tax Consultant

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **6/10/2025 - 6/9/2028**

6/10/2022 - 6/9/2025

Drake-Minior, Corina

Tax Consultant

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **6/10/2025 - 6/9/2028**

6/10/2022 - 6/9/2025

Feldhousen, Brenda

Tax Consultant

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 9/27/2025**

Mrs Tharp, Sandra "Sandee" M

Tax Consultant

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 2/15/2027**

Bradley, Rachel P

Tax Consultant

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **10/1/2023 - 9/30/2026**

10/1/2020 - 9/30/2023

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
7	Ms Payne, Antionette M	Governor	6/1/2016	5/31/2019
7	Ms Miller, P. Kinsey	Governor	6/5/0136	5/31/2016
7	Ms Ellsworth, Toni C	Governor	7/1/2009	6/30/2012
7	Ms Ellsworth, Toni C	Governor	4/1/2007	6/30/2009