

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Oregon State Senate  
DATE: May 9, 2023  
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst  
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



## ELECTRICAL AND ELEVATOR BOARD

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The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Electrical and Elevator Board subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointee

Frank Sonnabend of Eugene

### Term

April 26, 2023 – June 30, 2026

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 455.144 \(2021\)](#)

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

Not required.

### Statutory Requirements<sup>3</sup>

The board consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate, including:<sup>4</sup>

- a fire and casualty underwriter (VACANT);
- a representative of industrial plants regularly employing licensed electricians (LA DIEU);
- a person representing the power and light industry (SPENCER);
- an electrical equipment supplier who otherwise qualifies by experience in the industry (SCHACHER);
- an elevator manufacturing representative (McNEILL);
- one member from the electrical equipment manufacturing industry who otherwise qualifies by experience and training in electricity (BARLOW);
- two journeyman electricians (FLEGEL, CURRIE);
- an electrical inspector (**SONNABEND**);
- two electrical contractors (KYLE, RICHARDS);
- a municipal building official (BUNGA);

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2021\)](#) and [171.565 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 455.138 and 455.144 \(2021\)](#).

- a journeyman elevator installer (LARZALERE);
- an owner or manager of a commercial office building (RUDDER); and
- a public member who does not receive compensation from any interest represented on the board (BEYER).

Members serve four-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor. A member may not serve more than two full terms. The board must select one of its members as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of such position as the board determines. A majority of the members of a board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The board must meet at least four times per year.<sup>5</sup>

### **Duties and Authority**

The board assists the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services in administering the state electrical and elevator programs.<sup>6</sup> The board must:<sup>7</sup>

- administer and enforce the state’s Electrical Safety Law;
- select two members to serve on the Construction Industry Energy Board;
- review amendments to the electrical provisions of the Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code;
- adopt rules as required to administer the Electrical Safety Law, including rules to administer licensing, certification, registration of regulated persons, and the sale and regulation of electrical permits;
- receive, review, and make determinations on appeals; and
- adopt and administer standards for the delegation of a municipal electrical inspection program.

The board may:<sup>8</sup>

- adopt rules to administer the licensing, certification, or registration of persons regulated by the Electrical Safety Law;
- deny a license, certificate, registration, or application or may suspend, revoke, condition, or refuse to renew a license, certificate, or registration if the board makes specified findings;
- adopt specified exemptions from the license, permit, and product registration requirements of the Electrical Safety Law; and
- impose civil penalties for specified violations.

<sup>5</sup> [ORS 455.146 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>6</sup> [ORS 455.138 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>7</sup> [ORS 455.492 to 455.610 \(2021\)](#), [479.540 to 479.945 \(2021\)](#), [460.125 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>8</sup> [ORS 455.117 to 455.895 \(2021\)](#), [479.540 to 479.995 \(2021\)](#).



## Electrical and Elevator Board

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 455.138&144**

Min Members: **15** Max Members: **15**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Labor/Trades**

Board Admin: **Debi Woods**

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## Current Appointments

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**Spencer, Kenneth**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025**

Power and Light Industry Representative

Position Number: **1**

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**Mr Kyle, Thomas "Tom" R**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**

3(i) Electrical Contractor

**9/25/2017 - 6/30/2021**

Position Number: **2**

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**Mr Flegel, Jon**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**

3(g) Journeyman Electrician

**11/17/2017 - 6/30/2021**

Position Number: **3**

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**Schacher, Al**

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026**

3(f) One member from the electrical equipment manufacturing industry who otherwise qualifies by experience and training in electricity

Position Number: **4**

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**Mr McNeill, Robert "Rob" L**

Term(s): **7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023**

3(e) Elevator Manufacturing

Position Number: **5**

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**Mr Barlow, William "BJ" E III**

Term(s): **5/15/2019 - 6/30/2022**

3(f) Electrical Equipment Manufacturing

Position Number: **6**

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**Mr Richards, Ryan E**

Term(s): **7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023**

3(i) Electrical Contractor

**12/17/2018 - 6/30/2019**

Position Number: **7**

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<b>Ms Beyer, Amy E</b> Public Member Position Number: <b>8</b>	Term(s):	<b>10/1/2020 - 6/30/2023</b>
<b>Larzalere, Robert</b> 3(k) Journeyman Elevator Position Number: <b>9</b>	Term(s):	<b>9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025</b>
<b>Mr Smith, Randall "Randy" G II</b> 3(h) Electrical Inspector Position Number: <b>10</b>	Term(s):	<b>4/1/2019 - 3/31/2023</b> <b>4/1/2015 - 3/31/2019</b>
<b>Sonnabend, Frank</b> Electrical Inspector Position Number: <b>10</b>	Term(s):	<b>4/26/2023 - 6/30/2026</b>
<b>Currie, Sara E</b> 3(g) Journeyman Electrician Position Number: <b>11</b>	Term(s):	<b>11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025</b>
<b>La Dieu, Brian</b> Industrial Plant Employing Electricians Rep Position Number: <b>13</b>	Term(s):	<b>9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025</b>
<b>Mr Rudder, Richard E</b> 3(l) Commercial Building Manager/Owner Position Number: <b>14</b>	Term(s):	<b>11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025</b>
<b>Ms Bunga, Elizabeth J</b> 3(j) Municipal Building Official Position Number: <b>15</b>	Term(s):	<b>10/1/2020 - 6/30/2021</b>

## Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
12	Mr Fahey, James A	Governor	7/1/2011	6/30/2015
12	Mr Fahey, James A	Governor	7/1/2007	6/30/2011
12	Mr Fahey, James A	Governor	12/1/2006	6/30/2007
12	Ms Hale, Karen F	Governor	2/15/2005	6/30/2007
12	Ms Medlock, Sara L	Governor	7/1/2003	6/30/2007
12	Ms Medlock, Sara L	Governor	7/1/1999	6/30/2003
12	Ms Medlock, Sara L	Governor	11/20/1998	6/30/1999