

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Interim Committee on Rules
Executive Appointments

DATE: October 31, 2025

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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STATE MORTUARY AND CEMETERY BOARD

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

New Appointments

Elizabeth Johnson of Keizer

Brady Leder of Portland

Terms

January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

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

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

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 (**JOHNSON**);
 - a nonprofit cemetery (**LEDER**); 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
- four public members, with one from a recognized senior citizen organization (CANIZARES, HARRIS, NAIGUS, PACHECO).

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 692.300 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

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.

Duties⁴

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.

⁴ [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

Mr Gaskill, Robert "Rob" L

Funeral Service Practitioner/Enbalmer

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026

5/15/2019 - 12/31/2022

Mr Loveland, Kevin B

Funeral Service Establishment Rep (Embalmer)

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026

1/1/2016 - 12/31/2018

9/18/2013 - 12/31/2015

Houston, Holly

Combination (Funeral Service Practitioner/Embalmer)

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

10/1/2024 - 9/30/2028

Felton, Nancy L

Cemetery Rep (Nonprofit)

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025

1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021

9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017

Ms McKenzie-Tucker, Angela R

Cemetery Rep (For Profit / Embalmer)

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025

1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021

9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017

Johnson, Elizabeth

Cemetery Representative (For-profit)

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

1/1/2026 - 12/31/2029

Leder, Brady	Term(s):	1/1/2026 - 12/31/2029
Cemetery Representative (Non-profit)		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: 5		
Collins, Gary "Craig" C	Term(s):	1/1/2024 - 12/21/2027
Crematorium Rep		1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: 7		
Ms Porter, Melissa J	Term(s):	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2027
Cemetery Rep (City/County Owned/Operated)		2/14/2020 - 12/31/2023
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: 6		
Ms Pacheco, Elizabeth "Beth" K	Term(s):	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025
Public Member		1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021
Appointed By: Governor		9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017
Position Number: 10		
Naigus, Neal	Term(s):	6/5/2024 - 6/4/2028
Public Member		
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: 8		
Mr Canizares, Ruggiero S	Term(s):	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028
Public Member		7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: 9		
Dr Harris, Debra C	Term(s):	1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026
Public Member		5/15/2019 - 12/31/2022
Appointed By: Governor		
Position Number: 11		

Vacant Positions