

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: January 27, 2025
BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



STATE PLUMBING BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the State Plumbing Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Chris Amoah-Kusi of Scappoose

Term

March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 693.115 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven members:

- one journeyman plumber with at least 10 years' experience (GILLETTE);
- one licensed plumbing contractor (NGUYEN);
- one local plumbing inspector who is a journeyman plumber (BERGEN);
- one registered professional mechanical engineer (**AMOAH-KUSI**);
- one officer or employee of the Oregon Health Authority (KELLER);
- one plumbing equipment supplier or one building official (MATIACO); and
- one public member (LEBOLD).

Members serve four-year terms. The board selects its chair and vice chair and must meet at least four times per year.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 693.115 to 693.146 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The board regulates the practice of plumbing and advises the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services on the administration of the plumbing code. The board must

- adopt rules for the administration of specified statutory provisions;
- establish and assess fees for specified services;
- review and recommend changes to the Plumbing Specialty Code;
- approve technical and scientific facts related to proposed material, design, or method of construction;
- approve alternative regulatory options for emerging technologies;
- receive and adjudicate appeals of suspected code violations, building official decisions, and municipal appeals board decisions;
- approve the adoption and amendment of the Plumbing Specialty Code;
- consult with the Director regarding alternative permit and inspection programs;
- select two members to serve on the Construction Industry Energy Board;
- consult with the Director on the adoption of uniform energy conservation standards and the Reach Code; and
- advise on standards, qualifications, and training for building officials and inspectors.

⁴ [ORS 693.030 to 693.994 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 455.030 to 455.895 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 447.020 to 447.154 \(2023\)](#).



Plumbing Board, State

Agency: **Consumer & Business Services, Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 693.115**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Labor/Trades**

Board Admin: **Debra Woods**

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Current Appointments

Gillette, Curtis

Journeyman Plumber

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

10/5/2023 - 10/4/2027

Nguyen, Christopher

Plumbing Business Owner

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

6/5/2024 - 6/4/2028

Bergen, Tyrone

Inspector

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

10/5/2023 - 10/4/2027

Amoah-Kusi, Chris

Mechanical Engineer

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

3/1/2025 - 2/28/2029

Ms Keller, Molly A

Health Division Official

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

3/15/2021 - 3/14/2025

3/15/2017 - 3/14/2021

Matiaco, Steven

Building Official

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

6/5/2024 - 6/4/2028

Mr Lebold, Josef "Joe" E

Public Member

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

5/25/2022 - 5/24/2026

5/25/2018 - 5/24/2022

Vacant Positions