

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: February 2, 2026
BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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MECHANICAL BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Mechanical Board subject to Senate confirmation:¹

New Appointments

Travis Argue of Gresham

Justin Wong of Salem

Terms

February 20, 2026 – June 30, 2029

Statutory Authority

[ORS 455.140 and 455.144 \(2025\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of 10 members, including:

- a plumbing industry representative (**ARGUE**);
- a sheet metal and air conditioner contractor (MILLER);
- a municipal mechanical inspector possessing the highest certification issued by the Department of Consumer and Business Services (FERGUSON);
- a heating, venting, and air conditioning contractor (**WONG**);
- a heating, venting, and air conditioning installer (FANNING);
- a sheet metal and air conditioner installer (VACANT);
- a natural gas company (or other utility) representative (DUELL);
- a building official (ZUK);
- a heat and frost insulation craftsperson (CAUDLE); and
- a public member (LOUIE).

Members serve four-year terms and are limited to two full terms. They may be removed for good cause, including three unexcused absences during any 12-month period. A majority of appointees constitutes a quorum and they must meet at least twice a year in

¹ [Or. Const. art. III, §4](#); [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2025\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2025\)](#).

³ [ORS 455.140 and 455.144 \(2025\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2025\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2025\)](#) for diversity criteria.

consultation with the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS). The public who may not be compensated by any interest represented on the board.

Duties⁴

The board assists the Director of DCBS with administration of the installation code for mechanical devices and equipment. Its duties include:

- consulting with DCBS on the adoption of uniform energy conservation standards and the Reach Code;
- advising DCBS on standards, qualifications, and training for building officials and inspectors;
- making certain findings, prior to DCBS rulemaking, concerning the Mechanical Specialty Code (Code);
- reviewing the Code and making recommendations; approving rules and Code changes; approving technical and scientific facts related to proposed materials, designs, or methods of construction; approving alternative regulatory options for emerging technologies;
- adjudicating appeals of Code violations, building official decisions, and municipal appeals board decisions, and imposing sanctions;
- consulting with DCBS regarding alternative permit and inspection programs, including a statewide permitting and inspection program for minor construction work; and
- selecting two members to serve on the Construction Industry Energy Board.

⁴ [ORS 455.030 to 455.895 \(2025\)](#).



Mechanical Board

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

Authorization: **ORS 455.140**

Min Members: **10** Max Members: **10**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Labor/Trades**

Board Admin: **Debra Woods**

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Current Appointments

Mr Scheuermann, Gerald "Jed" F

Plumbing Industry

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **7/2/2016 - 7/1/2020**

7/2/2012 - 7/1/2016

Mr Argue, Travis E

Plumbing Industry Rep

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **2/20/2026 - 6/30/2029**

Mr Miller, Christopher W

Sheet Metal/AC Contractor

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **7/2/2016 - 7/1/2020**

9/18/2013 - 7/1/2016

Ferguson, Kevin

Municipal Mechanical Inspector

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 6/30/2027**

Mr Hansen, Carsten J

HVAC Contractor

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **12/13/2016 - 12/12/2020**

12/13/2012 - 12/12/2016

Wong, Justin

HVAC Contractor

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **2/20/2026 - 6/30/2029**

Mr Fanning, Eric L Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**
HVAC Installer **7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021**
Appointed By: Governor **3/1/2014 - 6/30/2017**
Position Number: **5**

Mr Zuk, Theodore "Ted" J Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**
Building Official **7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022**
Appointed By: Governor
Position Number: **8**

Duell, Kevin Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 6/30/2026**
Natural Gas/Utility
Appointed By: Governor
Position Number: **7**

Mr Caudle, Walter "Walt" R Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**
Insulation Craftsperson **7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022**
Appointed By: Governor
Position Number: **9**

Louie, Edward Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 6/30/2027**
Public Member
Appointed By: Governor
Position Number: **10**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
6	Mrs Kennedy, Linda M	Governor	7/2/2016	7/1/2020
6	Mrs Kennedy, Linda M	Governor	7/2/2012	7/1/2016
6	Mr Hurst, Terry L	Governor	7/2/2008	7/1/2012
6	Mr Hurst, Terry L	Governor	9/27/2004	7/1/2008