

Memorandum

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



OREGON MEDICAL BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Medical Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointments

Marguerite Cohen of Portland
Micah Thorp of Milwaukie

Reappointments

Sheronne Blasi of Salem
David Cook of Portland

Terms

March 1, 2026 – February 28, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 677.235 \(2025\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of 14 Oregon residents:

- six with a degree of Doctor of Medicine (**COHEN**, **COOK**, DAOUD, DOURGARIAN, TAKSALI, VACANT);
- two with a degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (GUNDERSON, **THORP**);
- one with a degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (EVANS);
- two licensed physician associates (ESQUIVEL, PARRISH); and
- three public members representing health consumers (**BLASI**, HOUGH, KAPOWICH).

Members serve three-year terms. The physicians and physician associates may be selected from a list of candidates submitted by specific professional organizations and

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2025\)](#).

³ [ORS 677.235 \(2025\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2025\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2025\)](#) for diversity criteria.

must have been in the active practice for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment. A public member may not be otherwise eligible for appointment. The spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling of a public member may not be a licensed health care professional in this state.

The board annually elects a chair, vice chair, and secretary. The board must meet at least twice each year for the examination of applicants for licenses.

Duties⁴

The board's mission is to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of Oregonians by regulating the practice of medicine in a manner that promotes access to quality care.⁵

The board must:

- provide notice to practitioners authorized to prescribe opioids or opiates of any guidelines or recommendations established by any association of practitioners whose members are regulated by the board;
- establish the dimension and design for the printing and posting of the signage required for physicians participating in the Medicare assignment program; and
- determine what constitutes medical incompetence, unprofessional conduct, and physical incapacity or impairment.

⁴ [ORS 677.110 to 677.840 \(2025\)](#).

⁵ Oregon Medical Board, *Agency Overview and Mission*, <https://www.oregon.gov/omb/board/about/Pages/about-us-overview.aspx> (last visited January 29, 2026).



Medical Board, Oregon

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 677.235**

Min Members: **14** Max Members: **14**

Term Length: **3** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Nicole Krishnaswami**

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Current Appointments

Cook, David

Doctor of Medicine

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

3/1/2026 - 2/28/2029

4/26/2023 - 2/28/2026

Dr Shaw, Jill M DO

Osteopathic Physician

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **8**

Term(s):

3/1/2023 - 2/28/2026

3/1/2020 - 2/28/2023

Dr Taksali, Sudeep

Doctor of Medicine

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

3/1/2025 - 2/28/2028

3/1/2022 - 2/28/2025

11/19/2021 - 2/28/2022

Daoud, Katja

Doctor of Medicine

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

3/1/2024 - 2/28/2027

4/26/2023 - 2/28/2024

Dougarian, Amy

Doctor of Medicine

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

10/1/2025 - 2/28/2027

Azar, Robert "Robby"

Doctor of Medicine

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

4/26/2023 - 2/28/2026

Cohen, Marguerite Term(s): **3/1/2026 - 2/28/2029**

Doctor of Medicine
Appointed By: Governor
Position Number: **6**

Gunderson, Seth Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 2/28/2028**

Osteopathic Physician
Appointed By: Governor
Position Number: **7**

Thorp, Micah Term(s): **3/1/2026 - 2/28/2029**

Osteopathic Physician
Appointed By: Governor
Position Number: **8**

Dr. Evans, Eric Term(s): **3/1/2024 - 2/28/2027**

Podiatrist
Appointed By: Governor
Position Number: **9**

Esquivel, Ileana Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 2/28/2028**

Physician Associate Member
Appointed By: Governor
Position Number: **10**

Parrish, Melonie Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 2/28/2028**

Physician Associate Member (CD2)
Appointed By: Governor
Position Number: **11**

Blasi, Rae "Sheronne" Term(s): **3/1/2026 - 2/28/2029**

Public Member
Appointed By: Governor
Position Number: **12**

Kapowich, Joan Term(s): **3/1/2024 - 2/28/2027**

Public Member
Appointed By: Governor
Position Number: **13**

Hough, Nicole Term(s): **3/1/2026 - 2/28/2029**

Public Member
Appointed By: Governor
Position Number: **14**

Vacant Positions

| Pos | Former Member | Appointed By | Term Begin | Term End |
|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Dr. Eshragi, Niknam | Governor | 9/28/2022 | 2/28/2025 |
| 1 | Dr Poulsen, Christoffer "Chris" E | Governor | 3/1/2019 | 2/28/2022 |
| 1 | Dr Fisher, Katherine L | Governor | 3/1/2016 | 2/28/2019 |
| 1 | Dr Fisher, Katherine L | Governor | 5/1/2013 | 2/29/2016 |