

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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OREGON STATE BOARD OF NURSING

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon State Board of Nursing subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointment

Matt Calzia of Eugene

Reappointment

Margaret Hill of Portland

Terms

Calzia: February 20, 2026 – December 31, 2028

Hill: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 678.140 \(2025\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of nine Oregon residents:

- five registered nurses:
 - one nursing educator (MCKINLEY YODER);
 - one nursing administrator (STANICH);
 - two nonsupervisory nurses involved in direct patient care (**CALZIA, TOWOBOLA**); and
 - one nurse practitioner (MITZEL);
- one licensed practical nurse (NESTA);
- one certified nursing assistant (DENNIS); and
- two public members who are otherwise not eligible for appointment (**HILL, KALIS**).

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 678.140 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Members serve three-year terms. The board elects annually a president, president-elect, and a secretary. The nurses may be selected from a list of nominees from related professional organizations. They must be currently licensed, in good standing, and have at least five years' experience, three of which were immediately prior to appointment. Public members and any person who is a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a public member may not be licensed by the board.

Duties⁴

The board regulates the practice of nursing. The board must:

- exercise general supervision over the practice of nursing in this state;
- administer licensing, including setting applicant qualifications and curriculum and training standards, and approving nurse education programs, examinations, and scope of practice;
- adopt a seal and necessary rules;
- keep a record of proceedings, licensed persons, and approved schools or programs;
- enforce the related provisions and incur necessary expenses;
- enter into specified interagency agreements;
- keep a record of all moneys deposited in the Oregon State Board of Nursing Account; and
- upon receipt of a complaint, conduct an investigation.

⁴ [ORS 678.050 to 678.448 \(2025\)](#).



Nursing, Oregon State Board of

Agency: **Other**

Authorization: **ORS 678.140**

Min Members: **9** Max Members: **9**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Rachel Prusak**

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Current Appointments

McKinley Yoder, Claire

RN - Nursing Educator

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 12/31/2026**

Stanich, Linda

RN - Nursing Administrator

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 12/31/2026**

Towobola, Olanike

RN - Nonsupervisory; Direct Care

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 12/31/2026**

Mitzel, Rachel

RN - Nurse Practitioner

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 12/31/2027**

Calzia, Matthew "Matt"

RN - Nonsupervisory; Direct Care

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **1/1/2027 - 12/31/2029**
2/20/2026 - 12/31/2026

Nesta, Felipa

LPN

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 12/31/2027**

Dennis, Rachel Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 12/31/2027**

CNA

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **7**

Hill, Margaret "Meg" Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 12/31/2025**

Public Member

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **8**

Kalis, Joni Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 12/31/2026**

Public Member

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **9**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
4	Duan, Yan "Yvonne"	Governor	1/1/2022	12/31/2024
4	Ms Chinn, Kathleen "Kat" T	Governor	1/1/2019	12/31/2021
4	Ms Chinn, Kathleen "Kat" T	Governor	1/1/2016	12/31/2018
4	Mr Tenscher, Max E	Governor	1/1/2013	12/31/2015
4	Mr Tenscher, Max E	Governor	3/1/2010	12/31/2012