

Memorandum

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



STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Reappointments

Amy Costanza-Smith of Portland
Ilia Fong of Beaverton
Christopher Hargunani of Portland

New Appointment

Clarence Williams of Hillsboro

Terms

Costanza-Smith, Fong: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028
Hargunani: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026
Hargunani: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029
Williams: February 20, 2026 – June 30, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 681.400 \(2025\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of eight Oregon residents, including:

- two licensed audiologists (**FONG**, SLOUGH);
- two licensed speech-language pathologists (**CONSTANZA-SMITH**, MARTIN);
- one certified speech-language pathology assistant (COUSINEAU);
- one licensed medical practitioner with American Board of Otolaryngology certification (**HARGUNANI**); and

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2025\)](#).

³ [ORS 681.400, 681.430 and 681.440 \(2025\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2025\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2025\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- two public members (VEGA-HEATH, **WILLIAMS**).

Members serve three-year terms. The board selects its chair and vice chair. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum. The board must meet at least once every year.

Public members must not otherwise be eligible, and must not be related to an audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or a licensed medical practitioner with American Board of Otolaryngology. Board members required to be licensed may be selected from a list of nominees, submitted by any applicable professional organization.

Duties⁴

The board regulates the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology. The board must:

- administer licensing and certification for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech-language pathology assistants;
- adopt rules to define the role of speech-language pathology assistants;
- administer, coordinate, and enforce the provisions assigned to the board;
- receive and investigate complaints;
- conduct hearings and keep records and minutes of the hearings;
- adopt rules and regulations, including governing ethical standards of practice; and
- adopt a seal by which the board must authenticate its proceedings.

⁴ [ORS 681.230 to 681.495 \(2025\)](#).



Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, State Board of Examiners for

Agency: **Human Services, Oregon Department of**

Policy Area: **Health**

Authorization: **ORS 681.400**

Board Admin: **Erin Haag**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **8**

Address:

Term Length: **3** Term Limit: **None**

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Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

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Current Appointments

Fong, Ilia

Audiologist

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **7/1/2025 - 6/30/2028**
9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025

Dr Slough, Carrie E

Audiologist

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2026**
10/1/2020 - 6/30/2023

Costanza-Smith, Amy

Speech-Language Pathologist

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **7/1/2025 - 6/30/2028**
9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025

Vega-Heath, Jazzmen

Public Member

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**
9/28/2022 - 6/30/2023

Ms Martin, Amy J

Speech-Language Pathologist

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2026**
7/1/2020 - 6/30/2023
9/27/2018 - 6/30/2020

Cousineau, Kristy

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027**

Dr Hargunani, Christopher "Chris" A

Term(s):

7/1/2026 - 6/30/2029

Otolaryngologist

7/1/2023 - 6/30/2026

Appointed By: Governor

3/1/2021 - 6/30/2023

Position Number: **6**

Mr Williams, Clarence

Term(s):

2/20/2026 - 6/30/2029

Public Member

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2024

Appointed By: Governor

9/28/2018 - 6/30/2021

Position Number: **8**

Vacant Positions
