

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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STATE BOARD OF DIRECT ENTRY MIDWIFERY

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the State Board of Direct Entry Midwifery subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointment

Lori Hedlund of Dallas

Term

February 20, 2026 – February 19, 2026

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 687.470 \(2025\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven Oregon residents, including:

- four licensed direct entry midwives (CLARK, **HEDLUND**, PETTIBONE, MANCE);
- one certified nurse midwife (MORALES);
- one licensed physician involved, at the time of appointment, in obstetrical care or education (RONICK); and
- one member of the public (FISHER).

Members serve three-year terms. Licensed direct entry midwives may be from a list of nominees, submitted by related professional organizations. The board elects its chair.

Duties⁴

The board must adopt rules for the administration of direct entry midwifery licensing, practice, and discipline.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2025\)](#).

³ [ORS 687.470 \(2025\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2025\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2025\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 687.480 \(2025\)](#).

Direct Entry Midwifery, State Board of

Agency: **Health Licensing Office**

Authorization: **ORS 687.470**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Krissy Pickett**

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Current Appointments

Hedlund, Lori

Term(s): **2/20/2026 - 2/19/2029**

Licensed Midwife

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Pettibone, Lynette M

Term(s): **2/14/2023 - 8/13/2026**

Licensed Direct Entry Midwife

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Clark, Lennon

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 2/15/2027**

Licensed Direct Entry Midwife

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

Ms Morales, Christine S

Term(s): **3/1/2023 - 8/28/2026**

Certified Nurse Midwife

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Mance, Meredith

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

Licensed Direct Entry Midwife

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Ronick, Mischa

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 2/15/2027**

Licensed physician, with focus in prenatal care

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **6**

Fisher, Rebecca

Term(s):

6/5/2024 - 6/4/2027

Public Member

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **7**

Vacant Positions
