

Memorandum

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



RESPIRATORY THERAPIST AND POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST LICENSING BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Reappointment

Michael Erickson of Hermiston

Term

June 1, 2025 – May 31, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 688.820 \(2025\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven Oregon residents:

- three respiratory care practitioners (BURTON, **ERICKSON**, WAITE);
- two polysomnography practitioners (COFFMAN, LEFOR);
- one qualified medical director for polysomnography or for respiratory care (LUERA); and
- one member of the general public (ROTH).

Members serve four-year terms and may be selected by the Governor from a list of nominees for each vacancy, submitted by the Oregon Society for Respiratory Care or another professional organization representing respiratory care practitioners or polysomnographic technologists. The board selects its chair and vice chair.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(20235\)](#).

³ [ORS 688.820 \(2025\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2025\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2025\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The board oversees the practices of respiratory therapists and polysomnographic technologists. The board must:

- establish standards of practice and professional responsibility for persons licensed by the Health Licensing Office; and
- provide for waivers of examinations, grandfathering requirements, and temporary licenses as considered appropriate.

⁴ [ORS 688.830 \(2025\)](#).



Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board

Agency: **Health Licensing Office**

Authorization: **ORS 688.820**

Min Members: **0** Max Members: **7**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Krissy Pickett**

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Current Appointments

Mr Erickson, Michael "Mike" D RRT

Respiratory Care Practitioner

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **6/1/2025 - 5/31/2029**

6/1/2021 - 5/31/2025

Burton, Richard II

Respiratory Care Practitioner

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 2/15/2028**

Dr Lefor, Michael J MD

Qualified Medical Director For Polysomnography or
Respiratory Care

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **3/1/2016 - 2/28/2020**

3/1/2012 - 2/29/2016

Waite, Darrell

Respiratory Care Practitioner

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 9/30/2028**

Coffman, Carrie

Respiratory Care Practitioner

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 9/30/2028**

Luera, Mario

Polysomnographer

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 2/28/2029**

Roth, Alan

Term(s):

3/1/2025 - 2/28/2029

Public Member

Appointed By: Governor

Position Number: **7**

Vacant Positions
