



# MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate  
Date: February 23, 2021  
By: Leslie Porter, Analyst  
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

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## OREGON PATIENT SAFETY COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Patient Safety Commission Board of Directors subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### Appointees

Amanda Bemetz of Coos Bay; New Appointment  
Smitha Chadaga of Portland; New Appointment  
Robert Dannenhoffer of Roseburg; New Appointment  
Mary Engrav of Portland; New Appointment  
Heather Hurst of Canby; New Appointment  
Kristi Ketchum of Tigard; New Appointment

### Term

Bemetz: March 15, 2021 – September 30, 2023  
Chadaga: March 15, 2021 – December 31, 2024  
Dannenhoffer: March 15, 2021 – December 31, 2024  
Engrav: March 15, 2021 – December 31, 2024  
Hurst: March 15, 2021 – December 31, 2024  
Ketchum: March 15, 2021 – December 31, 2024

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 442.830 \(2019\)](#)

### Statement of Economic Interest<sup>2</sup>

Not required.

### Statutory Requirements<sup>3</sup>

The board consists of the State Public Health Officer or the officer's designee (SELOVER) and 16 members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.<sup>4</sup> Appointed members must include:

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2019\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2019\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 182.100 \(2019\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2019\)](#) for diversity criteria.

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 442.830 \(2019\)](#).

- one faculty member of an Oregon university who is not involved in the direct delivery of health care (RAMIREZ);
- two representatives of group purchasers of health care, one of whom shall be employed by a state or other governmental entity, and neither of whom may provide direct health care services or have an immediate family member who is involved in the delivery of health care (BUI, EVANS);
- two representatives of health care consumers, neither of whom may provide direct health care services or have an immediate family member who is involved in the delivery of health care (RUSSELL MORRIS);
- two representatives of health insurers, including a representative of a domestic not-for-profit health care service contractor, a representative of a domestic insurance company licensed to transact health insurance, or a representative of a health maintenance organization (**ENGRAV, MARVIN**);
- one representative of a statewide or national labor organization (**HURST**);
- two licensed physicians who are in active practice (**CHADAGA, DANNENHOFFER**);
- two hospital administrators or their designees (MITCHELL, ROSE);
- one licensed pharmacist (BAKER);
- one representative of an ambulatory surgical center or an outpatient renal dialysis facility (**KETCHUM**);
- one licensed nurse who is in active clinical practice (**BEMETZ**); and
- one licensed nursing home administrator or one nursing home director of nursing services (KIRSCHBAUM).

Members serve four-year terms, at the pleasure of the Governor, and are eligible for reappointment. The board must nominate candidates when a vacancy occurs or is announced and forward the recommended candidates to the Governor for consideration. The board must select from its members a chairperson and vice chairperson for the terms and with the duties and powers as the board considers necessary for performance of the functions of those offices. The board must adopt bylaws as necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the board. No voting member of the board may be an employee of the commission.

## Duties and Authority

The Oregon Patient Safety Commission is a semi-independent state agency that improves patient safety by reducing the risk of serious adverse events occurring in Oregon’s health care system and by encouraging a culture of patient safety in Oregon.<sup>5</sup> The board exercises the power of, and provides governance to, the commission.<sup>6</sup>

The board must:<sup>7</sup>

- adopt rules necessary for the implementation of the Oregon Patient Safety Reporting Program, including but not limited to: developing a list of objective and definable serious

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 442.820 \(2019\)](#).

<sup>6</sup> [ORS 442.831 \(2019\)](#).

<sup>7</sup> [ORS 442.831 to 442.835 \(2019\)](#).

adverse events to be reported by participants; developing a budget; establishing a process to seek grants and other funding from federal and other sources; establishing a method to determine participant fees, if necessary; establishing auditing and oversight procedures; and establishing criteria for terminating a participant from the program;

- maintain the confidentiality of all patient safety data that identifies or could be reasonably used to identify a participant or an individual who is receiving or has received health care from the participant; and
- appoint an administrator of the commission who serves under the supervision of the board and who may not be a voting member of the board.

## Executive Appointments Board Roster

### Patient Safety Commission Board of Directors, Oregon

Agency: None  
Authorization: ORS 442.830  
Members: Min: 17 Max: 17  
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2  
Senate confirmation required? Yes

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Current Appointments:

**Member Name and Address** (Alphabetical)

Amy C Baker, PharmD Pharmacist Term(s): 10-01-2018 - 09-30-2022	Position Number: 13
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Amanda J Bemetz Nurse Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 09-30-2023	Position Number: 15
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Lisa T Bui Public Purchaser Term(s): 12-17-2018 - 09-30-2022	Position Number: 3
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Hester B Carr Nurse Term(s): 10-01-2019 - 09-30-2023 06-01-2016 - 09-30-2019	Position Number: 15
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Smitha R Chadaga Physician Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 09-30-2024	Position Number: 9
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Robert L Dannenhoffer, MD Physician Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 09-30-2024	Position Number: 10
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Mary B Engrav, MD Insurer Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 09-30-2024	Position Number: 7
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Gayle M Evans, SPHR Private Purchaser Term(s): 10-01-2017 - 09-30-2021 03-01-2014 - 09-30-2017	Position Number: 2
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## Patient Safety Commission Board of Directors, Oregon

**Member Name and Address** (Alphabetical)

**Policy Area:** Health

Heather L Hurst Labor Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 09-30-2024	Position Number: 8
Kristi K Ketchum Ambulatory Surgical Center Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 09-30-2024	Position Number: 14
Linda H Kirschbaum, LNHA Nursing Facility Representative Term(s): 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022 02-14-2018 - 07-01-2018	Position Number: 16
Judith Marvin, Chair Insurer Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 09-30-2024 10-01-2016 - 09-30-2020	Position Number: 6
Leah M Mitchell Hospital Administrator Term(s): 10-01-2019 - 09-30-2023 11-20-2015 - 09-30-2019	Position Number: 12
Juancho A Ramirez, PharmD Faculty Term(s): 12-17-2018 - 09-30-2022	Position Number: 1
Regina P Rose Hospital Administrator Term(s): 10-01-2018 - 09-30-2022 11-20-2015 - 09-30-2018	Position Number: 11
Jessica H Russell Morris Healthcare Consumer Term(s): 10-01-2019 - 09-30-2023	Position Number: 5
Dana S Selover Public Health Officer; By Position Term(s):	Position Number: 17