



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

OREGON BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Oregon Board of Optometry subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Patrick Ayres of Bend; New Appointment

Term

March 15, 2021 – February 29, 2024

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 683.250 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board is composed of five members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.⁴ All members of the board must be residents of this state. Of the members of the board:

- Four must be doctors of optometry licensed and in practice in Oregon (**AYRES**, HALVERSON, HUNT, LOUIE). These members may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy, submitted by a professional organization representing doctors of optometry.
- One member must be a member of the public who represents health consumers and who is not otherwise eligible for appointment to the board; is not the spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a doctor of optometry; and does not have a direct or indirect relationship to health care professionals, to the health care industry, or to the ophthalmic optical industry (GOOLSBY).

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2019\)](#).

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

⁴ [ORS 683.250 \(2019\)](#).

Members serve three-year terms, at the pleasure of the Governor, and are eligible for reappointment. A member must be removed immediately if the member fails to maintain the criteria for appointment or has three consecutive unexcused absences. A person may not be a member if the person is a stockholder in, or owner of, or a member of the faculty or of the board of trustees of any school of optometry.⁵ No member may be financially interested in any purchase or contract in which the board is interested or financially interested in the sale of any property or optical supplies to any prospective candidate for examination before the board.

A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The board must elect from its membership a president and vice president of the board, each of whom shall hold office for one year, or until the election and qualification of a successor.⁶ The board meets at least once a year and upon request of a majority of the members of the board or the call of the president.

Duties and Authority

The board is a semi-independent state agency that regulates the practice of optometry in this state. The board must:⁷

- administer licensing for optometrists, including qualifications, examinations, practice guidelines, continuing education, and reciprocal licenses;
- establish and assess fees for specified services;
- keep specified records of licensees and board activities and property;
- recognize and approve clinics operated by universities and colleges of optometry in Oregon;
- when taking disciplinary action, provide opportunity for an administrative hearing;
- appoint members to serve on the Council on Optometric Nontopical Formulary and adopt any formulary or portion of formulary approved by the council;
- adopt rules for the administration of specified statutes;
- adopt and use a common seal; and
- upon receipt of a complaint, conduct an investigation.

The board may:⁸

- discipline an optometrist or other person subject to regulation of the board by: denying, revoking, suspending, or refusing to renew a license; placing an optometrist on probation; imposing limitations on an optometrist; or taking other disciplinary action as the board in its discretion finds proper, including the assessment of the costs of the disciplinary proceedings as a civil penalty or assessment of a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 for each violation, or both;
- employ agents and inspectors to secure evidence of and report on all violations of the laws administered by the board;

⁵ [ORS 683.260 \(2019\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 683.270 \(2019\)](#).

⁷ [ORS 683.020 to 683.325 \(2019\)](#).

⁸ [ORS 683.140 to 683.330 \(2019\)](#).

- administer oaths and take testimony upon granting and revoking or suspending any certificate of registration or any other certificate established by the board for the protection of the public;
- designate pharmaceutical agents for topical use in the practice of optometry with the advice and guidance of the Oregon Medical Board;
- adopt rules as are necessary or proper to carry out the lawful powers and duties of the board;
- investigate any alleged violation of the laws administered by the board;
- in the conduct of investigations: take evidence; take the depositions of witnesses; compel the appearance of witnesses; require answers to interrogatories; compel the production of books, papers, accounts, documents, and testimony pertaining to the matter under investigation; and issue subpoenas; and
- maintain an action for an injunction against any person for practicing optometry without a license and other specified acts.

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Optometry, Oregon Board of

Agency: Semi-independent
Authorization: ORS 683.250
Members: Min: 5 Max: 5
Term Length: 3 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Health

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Patrick C Ayres
Doctor of Optometry
Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 02-29-2024

Position Number: 1

Laurie K Goolsby
Public Member
Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 09-30-2023

Position Number: 4

Ami R Halvorson
Doctor of Optometry
Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2022

Position Number: 5

Lauren R Hunt
Doctor of Optometry
Term(s): 04-01-2019 - 03-31-2022

Position Number: 2

Derek J Louie
Doctor of Optometry
Term(s): 06-01-2019 - 05-31-2022
06-01-2016 - 05-31-2019

Position Number: 3

Douglas J Walker
Doctor of Optometry
Term(s): 04-01-2018 - 03-31-2021
04-01-2015 - 03-31-2018

Position Number: 1