



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

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

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

Appointees

Christopher Hargunani of Portland; New Appointment

Term

March 15, 2021 – June 30, 2023

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 681.400 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consists of seven 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:

- Two must be audiologists licensed by the board (OOLEY, SLOUGH).
- Two must be speech-language pathologists licensed by the board (EDWARDS, MARTIN).
- One must be a person licensed to practice medicine who also holds board certification from the American Board of Otolaryngology (**HARGUNANI**).
- Two must be members of the public who are not otherwise eligible for appointment to the board or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of an audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or a person licensed to practice medicine who also holds

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 681.400 \(2019\)](#).

board certification from the American Board of Otolaryngology (WILLIAMS, WOODWARD).

Board members required to be licensed audiologists or licensed speech-language pathologists may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy, submitted by any professional organization representing those respective professions.

Members serve three-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor. A board member must be removed immediately if, during the member's term, the member:

- is not a resident of this state;
- has been absent from three consecutive board meetings, unless at least one absence is excused;
- is not a licensed audiologist or a retired audiologist who was licensed and in good standing at the time of retirement, if the board member was appointed to serve on the board as an audiologist; or
- is not a licensed speech-language pathologist or a retired speech-language pathologist who was licensed and in good standing at the time of retirement, if the board member was appointed to serve on the board as a speech-language pathologist.

The board must select one of its members as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for such terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of such offices as the board determines.⁵ A majority of the members of the board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The board must meet at least once every year. All meetings of the board are open to the public, except for the consideration of specified matters.⁶

Duties and Authority

The board administers licensing for and regulates the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology. The board must:⁷

- 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 complaints and investigate persons engaging in practices which violate the laws administered by the board;
- conduct hearings and keep records and minutes as the board deems necessary to an orderly dispatch of business;
- adopt rules and regulations, including but not limited to governing ethical standards of practice; and
- adopt a seal by which the board must authenticate its proceedings.

⁵ [ORS 681.430 \(2019\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 681.440 \(2019\)](#).

⁷ [ORS 681.230 to 681.495 \(2019\)](#).

The board may:⁸

- issue temporary and conditional licenses, waive specified licensing requirements, and impose additional specified fees;
- refuse to issue or renew, suspend or revoke, and reprimand or place on probation any licensee or registrant under specified conditions;
- in disciplining a licensee or registrant, impose any disciplinary action the board finds proper, including assessment of costs of the disciplinary proceedings as a civil penalty;
- make reasonable rules to carry out the functions vested in the board;
- in the conduct of investigations, take evidence and 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;
- bring a cause of action for injunction or other appropriate remedy to enforce any provision administered by the board; and
- assess civil penalties.

⁸ [ORS 681.285 to 681.490 \(2019\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, State Board of Examiners

for

Agency: Department of Human Services
Authorization: ORS 681.400
Members: Min: 7 Max: 7
Term Length: 3 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Health

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Vicky Edwards Speech Pathologist	Position Number: 3
Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2022 07-01-2016 - 06-30-2019	

Chris Hargunani Otolaryngologist	Position Number: 6
Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 06-30-2023	

Amy J Martin Speech Pathologist	Position Number: 5
Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2023 09-27-2018 - 06-30-2020	

Dustin D Ooley Audiologist	Position Number: 1
Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2022 07-01-2016 - 06-30-2019	

Carrie E Slough Audiologist	Position Number: 2
Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 06-30-2023	

Clarence Williams Public Member	Position Number: 7
Term(s): 09-28-2018 - 06-30-2021	

Janie Woodward Public Member	Position Number: 4
Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2023	