



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 APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Apprenticeship and Training Council subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Ashley Espinoza Valdez of Eugene; New Appointment

Danielle Garza of Forest Grove; New Appointment

Term

Espinoza Valdez: March 15, 2021 – February 28, 2025

Garza: March 15, 2021 – February 28, 2025

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 660.110 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The council consists of nine members including the Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor and Industries and eight members appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

Appointed members serve four-year terms. Appointees must include:⁴

- four members from apprenticeable building and construction crafts or trades that have programs approved and registered with the council, including two members representing employers (BETTS, SCHMIDT), and two members representing employees (**GARZA**, SWENSON);
- two members from other apprenticeable occupations that have programs approved and registered with the council, including one member representing employers (POMPA) and one member representing employees (BENEDICT) and,
- two members representing the public (DAVIS, **ESPINOZA VALDEZ**).

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2019\)](#), [ORS 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 660.110 \(2019\)](#).

Appointees must demonstrate:

- active participation on an apprenticeship governing body for a minimum of four years; or
- a minimum of four years of experience in workforce development or investment activities, vocational training or education, apprenticeship program administration or a related discipline.

The council must hold at least four regular public meetings each year. The Commissioner serves as the chairperson of the council with the power to cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie. The council must choose from among its members a vice chairperson to preside at meetings and perform other functions of the chairperson when the Commissioner is absent.

Duties and Authority

The council must, under the direction of the Apprenticeship and Training Division of the Bureau of Labor and Industries, enforce the state's apprenticeship and training statutes.⁵

The council and division must:⁶

- establish policy of the program so as to encourage the promotion, expansion and improvement of programs of apprenticeship and training;
- review, approve, and register program standards and modifications to program standards submitted by appropriate local joint committees;
- establish committees and approve nominations of members and alternates to local joint committees and state joint committees to ensure balanced representation of employer and employee groups;
- deregister standards and terminate entire programs, and remove any or all members of any committee, for inactivity or inadequate activity, or for failure to abide by applicable statutes;
- cooperate with interested state and federal agencies, including the Department of Education, the State Workforce and Talent Development Board and other providers of related training and curriculum such as community college districts, community college service districts, education service districts and recognized industry programs;
- adopt rules for gathering information through subpoenas or testimony; and
- perform such other functions and duties as are necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes the state's apprenticeship and training statutes.

The council and division may:⁷

- adopt rules that are reasonably necessary to enforce and administer the state's apprenticeship and training statutes;
- conduct investigations, issue subpoenas and subpoenas duces tecum, obtain evidence, administer oaths and take testimony in all matters relating to the council's duties and functions; and
- petition the circuit court to enforce a subpoena.

⁵ [ORS 660.120 \(2019\)](#).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.*

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Apprenticeship and Training Council, State

Agency: None
Authorization: ORS 660.110
Members: Min: 9 Max: 9
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Labor/Trades

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Aida H Aranda Apprenticeable Trades Employee Term(s): 12-13-2016 - 12-12-2020 12-13-2012 - 12-12-2016	Position Number: 6
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Laura A Benedict Apprenticeable Trades Employee Term(s): 09-26-2016 - 09-25-2020	Position Number: 7
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Judith K Betts Trades Employer Term(s): 12-13-2016 - 12-12-2020 12-13-2012 - 12-12-2016	Position Number: 4
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Patrick PJ Davis Public Member Term(s): 09-20-2016 - 09-19-2020 09-20-2012 - 09-19-2016	Position Number: 3
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Ashley L Espinoza Valdez Public Member Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 12-31-2024	Position Number: 1
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John W Gardner Public Member Term(s): 12-13-2016 - 12-12-2020 12-13-2012 - 12-12-2016	Position Number: 1
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Danielle M Garza Trades Employer Term(s): 03-01-2021 - 02-28-2025	Position Number: 6
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Val Hoyle, Chair CHAIR, Ex-Officio, Labor Commissioner Term(s):	Position Number: 9
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Apprenticeship and Training Council, State

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Labor/Trades

Kyle E Popma Industrial Employer Representative Term(s): 03-15-2017 - 03-14-2021	Position Number: 5
Jeff Schmidt Apprenticeable Trades Employer Term(s): 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2022	Position Number: 8
Amanda L Swenson Apprenticeable Trades Employer Term(s): 05-15-2019 - 05-14-2023	Position Number: 2