

MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate

Date: February 11, 2021

- By: Leslie Porter, Analyst
- Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

STATE BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Board of Licensed Social Workers subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

John Fant of Woodburn; Reappointment

Term

Fant: July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2024

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

ORS 675.590 (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:

- three members must be licensed clinical social workers (CLARKE, JENSEN, OUTLAND);
- one member must be a licensed baccalaureate social worker, a licensed master's social worker, or a certified clinical social work associate (JANSSEN); and
- three members must be members of the public who have demonstrated an interest in the field of clinical social work and who are not regulated social workers or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a regulated social worker (DENNIS, FANT, MANRIQUEZ).

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 675.590 (2019).

Regulated social worker members are appointed from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy, submitted by any professional organization that represents clinical social workers. Members serve four-year terms, at the pleasure of the Governor, and are eligible for reappointment. A member must be removed immediately from the board if the member fails to maintain the criteria for appointment or the member has three consecutive unexcused absences.

Duties and Authority

The board regulates the practice of clinical social work in this state. The board must:⁵

- administer licensing for regulated social workers;
- adopt rules for the administration of specified laws;
- establish and collect specified fees;
- formulate and enforce a code of professional conduct for the practice of social work;
- publish annually a list of the names and addresses of all persons who have been authorized to practice regulated social work;
- establish a voluntary arbitration procedure that may be invoked with the consent of clients and regulated social workers whereby disputes between clients and workers may be resolved; and
- report to the Legislative Assembly on its activities regarding authorizations to practice regulated social work during the preceding biennium.

The board may:⁶

- authorize temporary licensure;
- establish written examination requirements for license applicants;
- impose specified sanctions on regulated social workers, including action against a licensee and civil penalties;
- establish continuing education requirements for licensees;
- upon complaint of any person, or upon its own initiative, investigate any alleged violation of the laws administered by the board;
- issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses, take testimony, administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses, conduct hearings, and require the production of relevant documents in all proceedings pertaining to the duties and powers of the board; and
- for the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check, require the fingerprints of specified persons.

⁵ ORS 675.510 to 675.600 (2019).

⁶ ORS 675.531 to 675.595 (2019).

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Agency: Health Licensing Office Authorization: ORS 675.590 Members: Min: 7 Max: 7 Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2 Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Human Services

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)		
Brenda L D Public Merr Term(s):		Position Number: 7
John L Fan Public Merr Term(s):	-	Position Number: 6
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Mollie Jans Social Worł Term(s):		Position Number: 2
Rachel A Je Social Worl Term(s):		Position Number: 3
Stephanie I Term(s):	_ Manriquez 11-17-2017 - 06-30-2021	Position Number: 4
Mary K Out Social Worł Term(s):		Position Number: 1

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Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Ebony S Sloan Clarke Social Worker Term(s): 07-01-2016 - 06-30-2020 05-01-2013 - 06-30-2016 Policy Area: Human Services

Position Number: 5