



MEMORANDUM

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

RESPIRATORY THERAPIST AND POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC LICENSING BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Licensing Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Michael Erickson of Hermiston; New Appointment

Term

Erickson: June 1, 2021 – May 31, 2025

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 688.820 \(2019\)](#)

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. Board members may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy, submitted by the Oregon Society for Respiratory Care or another professional organization representing respiratory care practitioners or polysomnographic technologists. Members serve four-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor.

Membership must include:

- Three members who are respiratory care practitioners (**ERICKSON**, HULSE, WOODMAN). These members must have engaged in the practice of respiratory care for a period of five or more years immediately preceding appointment to the board.
- Two members who are individuals who practice polysomnography (EASBEY, ESPINOZA). These members must have engaged in the practice of polysomnography for a period of five or more years immediately preceding appointment to the board.

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

² See [ORS 244.050](#).

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

⁴ [ORS 688.820 \(2019\)](#).

- One member who is a qualified medical director for polysomnography or for respiratory care (LEFOR).
- One member who is a member of the general public (HERRERA-FUENTES).

The board must select one of its members as chairperson and another as vice chairperson, for those terms and with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the functions of those offices as the board determines.

Duties and Authority

The board oversees the practices of respiratory therapists and polysomnographic technologists in the State of Oregon.⁵ The board must:⁶

- establish standards of practice and professional responsibility for persons licensed by the office; and
- provide for waivers of examinations, grandfathering requirements and temporary licenses as considered appropriate.

⁵ Oregon Health Authority, *Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board*, <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HLO/Pages/Board-RTPT.aspx> (last visited July 31, 2020).

⁶ [ORS 688.825 to 688.830 \(2019\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board

Agency: Health Licensing Office
Authorization: ORS 688.820
Members: Min: 7 Max: 7
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes

Policy Area: Health

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Mark A Easbey Polysomnographic Tech Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023	Position Number: 6
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Mike Erickson, RRT Respiratory Care Practitioner Term(s): 06-01-2021 - 05-31-2025	Position Number: 1
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Jacob Espinoza Polysomnographer Term(s): 03-01-2020 - 02-29-2024 09-26-2016 - 02-29-2020	Position Number: 7
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Tony T Garberg Respiratory Care Practitioner Term(s): 06-01-2017 - 05-31-2021 06-05-2013 - 05-31-2017	Position Number: 1
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Pablo A Herrera-Fuentes Public Member Term(s): 11-25-2019 - 11-24-2023	Position Number: 5
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James L Hulse, PhD Respiratory Care Practitioner Term(s): 12-01-2019 - 11-30-2023 12-01-2015 - 11-30-2019	Position Number: 4
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Michael J Lefor, MD Qualified Medical Director For Polysomnography or Respiratory Care Term(s): 03-01-2016 - 02-28-2020 03-01-2012 - 02-29-2016	Position Number: 3
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Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Health

Sarah D Woodman

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 12-17-2018 - 12-16-2022