



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Date: April 27, 2021
By: Leslie Porter, LPRO Analyst
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Employment Appeals Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Angela Steger-Bentz of Beaverton; New Appointment

Term

May 14, 2021 – May 31, 2022

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 657.685 \(2019\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consists of three members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.⁴ In the selection of the members, the Governor must give due consideration to the interests of labor, industry, and the public. Not more than two of the members may belong to the same political party (ALBA (D); HETTLE (N/A); **STEGER-BENTZ (D)**). The Governor must designate one of the members to serve as chairperson with duties and powers necessary for the performance of the function of the office as the Governor determines. In the event of an absence or as required by the workload, the chairperson may appoint, with the approval of the Governor, pro tempore members to serve for a period not to exceed 90 days. A majority of the Employment Appeals Board constitutes a quorum.

Duties and Authority

The board exists within the Employment Department to adjudicate appeals of decisions on eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits issued by an administrative law judge.⁵ The

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 657.685 \(2019\)](#).

⁵ [ORS 657.275 and 657.685 \(2019\)](#).

board must, upon receipt of a timely application for review, promptly affirm, modify, or set aside the decision of the administrative law judge and notify interested parties of the decision.⁶

The board may:⁷

- reconsider any previous decision of the board;
- hold sessions any place within the state;
- administer oaths; and
- issue and serve, or by any sheriff, subpoenas for the attendance of employers or claimants and the production of papers, contracts, books, accounts, documents, and testimony.

⁶ [ORS 657.275 \(2019\)](#).

⁷ [ORS 657.290 and 657.690 \(2019\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Employment Appeals Board

Agency: None
Authorization: ORS 657.685
Members: Min: 3 Max: 3
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2
Senate confirmation required? Yes
Paid Position: Yes

Policy Area: Labor/Trades

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Current Appointments:

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Susana Alba

Democrat

Term(s): 11-17-2017 - 11-16-2021

Position Number: 1

Duncan P Hettle

Non-Affiliated

Term(s): 02-17-2020 - 02-16-2024
02-17-2016 - 02-16-2020
06-01-2015 - 08-31-2015

Position Number: 2

Angela M Steger-Bentz

Democrat

Term(s): 05-14-2021 - 05-31-2022

Position Number: 3