



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

STATE PLUMBING BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the State Plumbing Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Appointees

Molly Keller of Portland; Reappointment

Term

March 15, 2021 – March 14, 2025

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 693.115 \(2019\)](#)

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 Membership must include:

- one journeyman plumber with 10 or more years' experience in the trade or calling of journeyman plumber (ARGUE);
- one licensed plumbing contractor (ANDERSON);
- one local plumbing inspector who is a journeyman plumber (GITT);
- one registered professional mechanical engineer (FRAZIER);
- one officer or employee of the Oregon Health Authority (**KELLER**);
- one plumbing equipment supplier who otherwise qualifies by experience in the industry or one building official (ROZZELL); and
- one member of the general public (LEBOLD).

Members serve four-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor. A member may serve no more than two full terms. The board must select one of its members as chairperson and

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 693.115 \(2019\)](#).

another as vice chairperson, for 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 four times per year.⁶

Duties and Authority

The board regulates the practice of plumbing in this state and advises the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services on the administration of the plumbing code.⁷ The board must:⁸

- administer licensing for regulated entities, including minimum requirements, examinations, continuing education, reciprocity, and scope of work;
- adopt rules for the administration of specified statutory provisions;
- establish and assess fees for specified services;
- before the director notices rulemaking for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the Plumbing Specialty Code, find that the added cost, if any, is necessary to the health and safety of the occupants or the public or necessary to conserve scarce resources;
- review and report to the director recommendations for amendments to the Plumbing Specialty Code;
- approve technical and scientific facts related to proposed material, design, or method of construction;
- approve alternative regulatory options for emerging technologies;
- receive and adjudicate appeals of suspected code violations, building official decisions, and municipal appeals board decisions;
- approve the adoption and amendment of the Plumbing Specialty Code;
- approve the adoption of rules the director considers necessary to interpret, harmonize, streamline, adjust, promote consistency within, reduce confusion regarding, administer, or enforce the state building code;
- consult with the director regarding alternative permit and inspection programs, including a statewide permitting and inspection program for minor construction work;
- select two members to serve on the Construction Industry Energy Board;
- consult with the director on the adoption of uniform energy conservation standards and the Reach Code;
- advise the director on standards, qualifications, and training for building officials and inspectors; and
- approve the adoption of rules regarding plumbing permits and approved plumbing products and materials.

⁵ [ORS 693.125 \(2019\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 455.146 \(2019\)](#).

⁷ Department of Consumer and Business Services, *State Plumbing Board*, <https://www.oregon.gov/bcd/boards/Pages/plumbing.aspx> (last visited July 28, 2020).

⁸ [ORS 693.030 to 693.135 \(2019\)](#), [ORS 455.030 to 455.732 \(2019\)](#), [ORS 447.020 to 447.152 \(2019\)](#).

The board may:⁹

- deny, suspend, condition, or revoke a registration, certification, license or other authority of a person to perform work or conduct business issued under laws administered by the board;
- disqualify a person from obtaining or renewing a license, registration, certificate under specified circumstances;
- assess civil penalties for violations of the laws administered by the board; and
- adopt exemptions for plumbing products that the board determines do not present a danger to the health and safety of the people of this state.

⁹ [ORS 693.105 to 693.994 \(2019\)](#), [ORS 455.125 to 455.895 \(2019\)](#), [ORS 447.154 \(2019\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Plumbing Board, State

Agency: Consumer & Business Services

Authorization: ORS 693.115

Members: Min: 7 Max: 7

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)

Craig A Anderson

Plumbing Business

Term(s): 02-17-2020 - 02-16-2024

02-17-2016 - 02-16-2020

Position Number: 2

Travis E Argue

Term(s): 11-01-2017 - 10-31-2021

11-22-2013 - 10-31-2017

Position Number: 1

Corey A Frazier

Term(s): 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2022

Position Number: 4

Melissa A Gitt

Plumbing Inspector

Term(s): 12-12-2018 - 12-11-2022

12-12-2014 - 12-11-2018

Position Number: 3

Molly A Keller

Health Division Official

Term(s): 03-15-2021 - 03-14-2025

03-15-2017 - 03-14-2021

Position Number: 5

Joe Lebold

Term(s): 05-25-2018 - 05-24-2022

Position Number: 7

Matthew T Rozzell

Term(s): 06-01-2018 - 05-31-2022

06-01-2014 - 05-31-2018

Position Number: 6