



MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate
Date: January 21, 2022
By: Leslie Porter, Analyst
Re: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

MECHANICAL BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Mechanical Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Reappointee

Eric Fanning of Portland

Term

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 455.140 and 455.144 \(2021\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consists of ten members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.⁴ Membership must include:

- One representative of the plumbing industry (SCHEUERMANN).
- One sheet metal and air conditioner contractor (MILLER).
- One municipal mechanical inspector possessing the highest level of mechanical inspector certification issued by the Department of Consumer and Business Services (VACANT).
- One heating, venting, and air conditioning contractor (HANSEN).
- One heating, venting, and air conditioning installer (**FANNING**).
- One sheet metal and air conditioner installer (FRAZIER).
- One representative of a natural gas company or other utility (KENNEDY).
- One building official (ZUK).

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2021\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2021\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 455.140 and 455.144 \(2021\)](#).

- One insulation craftsperson who has experience with heat and frost insulation (CAUDLE).
- One public member who does not receive compensation from any interest represented by another member of the board (HILL).

At least one of the contractor members must be an owner or operator of a contracting business employing 10 or fewer persons at the time of the member's appointment to the term.

Members serve four-year terms and are not eligible for appointment to more than two full terms in office. Members serve at the pleasure of the Governor, and the Governor may remove a board member for good cause including three unexcused absences during any 12-month period from a regularly scheduled board meeting.

A majority of the members of a board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The board must meet at least twice per year at times and places specified by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services after consultation with the board, or at times and places specified by the call of a majority of the members of the board after consultation with the director.⁵

Duties and Authority

The board assists the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services in administering the installation code for mechanical devices and equipment.⁶ The board must:⁷

- before the director notices rulemaking for the adoption, amendment, or repeal of the Mechanical 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 Mechanical 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 Mechanical 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;

⁵ [ORS 455.146 \(2019\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 455.140 \(2019\)](#).

⁷ [ORS 455.030 to 455.732 \(2019\)](#).

- consult with the director on the adoption of uniform energy conservation standards and the Reach Code; and
- advise the director on standards, qualifications, and training for building officials and inspectors.

The board may impose civil penalties for violations of the Mechanical Specialty Code.⁸

⁸ [ORS 455.895 \(2019\)](#).

Executive Appointments Board Roster

Mechanical Board

Agency: Consumer & Business Services
Authorization: ORS 455.140 & 144
Members: Min: 10 Max: 10
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)

Walt Caudle

Position Number: 10

Term(s): 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022

Eric L Fanning
HVAC Installer

Position Number: 5

Term(s): 07-01-2021 - 06-30-2025
07-01-2017 - 06-30-2021
03-01-2014 - 06-30-2017

Derek C Frazier
Sheet Metal Installer

Position Number: 3

Term(s): 07-01-2016 - 06-30-2020
09-20-2012 - 06-30-2016

Carsten J Hansen
HVAC Contractor

Position Number: 4

Term(s): 12-13-2016 - 12-12-2020
12-13-2012 - 12-12-2016

Zory M Hill
Public Member

Position Number: 9

Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2023
02-17-2016 - 06-30-2019

Linda M Kennedy
Natural Gas/Utility

Position Number: 6

Term(s): 07-02-2016 - 07-01-2020
07-02-2012 - 07-01-2016

Christopher W Miller
Sheet Metal Contractor

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 07-02-2016 - 07-01-2020
09-18-2013 - 07-01-2016

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Mechanical Board

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Labor/Trades

Jed Scheuermann

Plumbing Industry

Position Number: 1

Term(s): 07-02-2016 - 07-01-2020
07-02-2012 - 07-01-2016

Ted Zuk

Position Number: 7

Term(s): 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022

Vacant Appointments:

Pos	Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
8	Darrell L Skondin Municipal Mechanical Inspector	Governor	07/02/2012	07/01/2016
8	Darrell L Skondin Municipal Mechanical Inspector	Governor	05/01/2009	07/01/2012
8	Marcia L Karr, PE Municipal Mechanical Inspector	Governor	09/27/2004	07/01/2007