



# 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**

## OREGON STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### Reappointee

Brett Hamilton of Baker City

### Term

March 1, 2022 – February 28, 2026

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 686.210 \(2021\)](#)

### Statement of Economic Interest<sup>2</sup>

Not required.

### Statutory Requirements<sup>3</sup>

The board consists of eight members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.<sup>4</sup> All members of the board must be residents of this state. Of the members:

- five must be licensed to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry in this state (DAVIS, DEBESS, **HAMILTON**, LAMB, WILSON);
- one must be a certified veterinary technician (MAIR WILLIAMSON); and
- two must be members of the public who are not otherwise eligible for appointment to the board or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a person licensed by the board (PATE, TAYLOR).

Members serve four-year terms. A statewide professional association for veterinarians may submit a list of suggested nominees for appointment to veterinarian and public member positions on the board. A statewide professional association for veterinary technicians may submit a list of suggested nominees for appointment to veterinary technician and public

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

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

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

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 686.210 \(2021\)](#).

member positions on the board. In making appointments to the board, the Governor must consider the nominees suggested by an association.

The board must elect from its members a president to preside at all meetings. In the absence of the president, the members must elect a temporary chairperson to preside at the meeting. A majority of members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.

## **Duties and Authority**

The board tests, licenses, monitors, and regulates practitioners of veterinary medicine in this state. The board must:<sup>5</sup>

- administer licensing, certification, and registration for veterinarians, veterinary assistants, and veterinary facilities;
- upon receipt of a complaint, conduct an investigation; and
- adopt rules for the administration of statutes assigned to the board.

The board may:<sup>6</sup>

- by rule, specify circumstances under which unlicensed persons may give vaccinations, administer an anesthetic, or otherwise assist in the practice of veterinary medicine;
- with the consent of five members, discipline any permit or license holder for unprofessional or dishonorable conduct;
- discipline any permit or license holder who has been determined to have a physical condition that makes the person unable to safely conduct the practice of veterinary medicine; has an inability to practice with reasonable competence and safety due to the habitual or excessive use of drugs or alcohol, other chemical dependency, or a mental health condition; publicly professes to cure or treat diseases of a highly contagious, infectious and incurable nature; in any way cares or treats injury and deformity in such a way as to deceive the public; or tests any horse, mule or ass for glanders, or cow or cattle for tuberculosis, and knowingly, wrongfully, and maliciously states verbally or in writing that the animals are diseased or in a disease-free condition contrary to the indication of the test made;
- refuse to issue or renew a license or permit if it finds that the applicant has committed any act or omission which, if committed by a licensee or permittee, would constitute unprofessional or dishonorable conduct;
- if the board determines that disciplinary action is necessary, revoke, suspend, or refuse to renew the license; place the person on probation; suspend execution of an order of the board; place limitations on an individual's license or permit to practice veterinary medicine in Oregon; issue a reprimand or assess to the individual the costs of the disciplinary proceedings; require board-approved community services; or impose a civil penalty;

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 686.020 to 686.600 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>6</sup> [ORS 686.040 to 686.990 \(2021\)](#).

- impose a fine on any permit or license holder for an administrative or clerical violation if the violation does not create a risk of harm to the public, as established by the board by rule;
- appoint a committee of not less than three licensed, practicing veterinarians to investigate any charge made accusing any person of violating any of the provisions administered by the board, and to report to the board any facts concerning the charge, together with any recommendations the committee sees fit to make;
- adopt rules necessary for the administration of the statutes assigned to the board;
- when considered necessary by the board for the proper execution of the duties imposed upon it, employ an investigator or other employees, with payment to such employees to be made out of the funds of the board;
- adopt and impose fees for specific activities;
- investigate any alleged violation of the laws administered by the board;
- while conducting an investigation, take evidence; take depositions of witnesses; compel the appearance of witnesses; require answers to interrogatories; compel the production of books, papers, electronic files, accounts, and other documents pertaining to the investigation; issue subpoenas; inspect the premises of a veterinary facility or facility in which any part of a licensee's practice of veterinary medicine is conducted; and order an applicant for licensure or a licensee to undergo specified examinations;
- if the board concludes that any person is violating the laws administered by the board, bring an action to enjoin that person from continuing such practice;
- adopt rules governing veterinary facility removal of a domestic animal;
- establish a certified Euthanasia Task Force and assess application and certification fees against certified euthanasia technicians and their employers;
- inspect a veterinary facility to ensure that the veterinary facility is in compliance with the laws administered by the board; and
- impose civil penalties for specified violations.

## Executive Appointments Board Roster

### Veterinary Medical Examining Board, Oregon State

Agency: None  
Authorization: ORS 686.210  
Members: Min: 8 Max: 8  
Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2  
Senate confirmation required? Yes

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Current Appointments:

#### Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Dannell S Davis Veterinarian	Position Number: 6
Term(s): 06-01-2020 - 05-31-2024 06-01-2016 - 05-31-2020	

Emilio E DeBess, DVM Veterinarian	Position Number: 5
Term(s): 11-01-2019 - 10-31-2023 11-01-2015 - 10-31-2019 05-01-2004 - 04-30-2008 05-01-2000 - 04-30-2004	

Brett T Hamilton Veterinarian	Position Number: 3
Term(s): 03-01-2022 - 02-28-2026 03-01-2018 - 02-28-2022	

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Allison P Lamb, DVM Veterinarian	Position Number: 7
Term(s): 03-01-2018 - 02-28-2022	

Natalie A Mair Williamson Certified Veterinary Technician	Position Number: 8
Term(s): 12-01-2019 - 11-30-2023	

Karen L Pate Public Member	Position Number: 4
Term(s): 09-25-2021 - 09-24-2025 09-25-2017 - 09-24-2021	

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### Veterinary Medical Examining Board, Oregon State

**Member Name and Address** (Alphabetical)

**Policy Area:** Health

Glenn A Taylor

Public Member

Term(s): 11-19-2021 - 05-31-2023

Position Number: 2

Dean M Wilson

Veterinarian

Term(s): 09-25-2017 - 09-24-2021

Position Number: 1