

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: September 20, 2023
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Kristy Cousineau of Gresham

Reappointee

Jazzmen Vega-Heath of Eugene

Terms

Cousineau: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2027

Vega-Heath: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 681.400 \(2021\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of eight Oregon residents, including: ⁴

- two licensed audiologists (FONG, SLOUGH);
- two licensed speech-language pathologists (CONSTANZA-SMITH, MARTIN);
- one certified speech-language pathology assistant (**COUSINEAU**)
- one licensed medical practitioner with American Board of Otolaryngology certification (HARGUNANI);
- two public members who are not otherwise eligible, and who are not related to an audiologist, speech-language pathologist, or a licensed medical practitioner with American Board of Otolaryngology (**VEGA-HEATH**, WILLIAMS).

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2021\)](#) and [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 681.400 \(2021\)](#).

Board members required to be licensed audiologists or licensed speech-language pathologists may be selected from a list of nominees, submitted by any applicable professional organization.

Members serve three-year terms and must be removed immediately if the member:

- is not a resident of this state;
- has three consecutive unexcused absences; or
- is not a licensed or retired audiologist or speech-language pathologist.

The board selects its chair and vice chair. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum. The board must meet at least once every year.⁵

Duties⁶

The board regulates the practice of audiology and speech-language pathology. The board must:

- administer licensing and certification for speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and speech-language pathology assistants;
- adopt rules to define the role of speech-language pathology assistants;
- administer, coordinate, and enforce the provisions assigned to the board;
- receive and investigate complaints;
- conduct hearings and keep records and minutes of the hearings;
- adopt rules and regulations, including governing ethical standards of practice; and
- adopt a seal by which the board must authenticate its proceedings.

The board may:

- issue temporary and conditional licenses, waive specified licensing requirements, and impose additional specified fees;
- refuse to issue or renew licenses; suspend or revoke licenses; and reprimand or place on probation any licensee or registrant under specified conditions; and
- impose any disciplinary action and assess civil penalties.

⁵ [ORS 681.430 \(2021\)](#) and [ORS 681.440 \(2021\)](#)

⁶ [ORS 681.230 to 681.495 \(2021\)](#).



Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, State Board of Examiners for

Agency: **Human Services, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 681.400 & .430**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **8**

Term Length: **3** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Erin Haag**

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Current Appointments

Fong, Ilia	Term(s):	9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025
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Audiologist

Position Number: **1**

Dr Slough, Carrie E	Term(s):	10/1/2020 - 6/30/2023
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Audiologist

Position Number: **2**

Costanza-Smith, Amy	Term(s):	9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025
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Speech Language Pathologist

Position Number: **3**

Vega-Heath, Jazzmen	Term(s):	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027
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Public Member

9/28/2022 - 6/30/2023

Position Number: **4**

Ms Martin, Amy J	Term(s):	7/1/2020 - 6/30/2023
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Speech Pathologist

9/27/2018 - 6/30/2020

Position Number: **5**

Dr Hargunani, Christopher "Chris" A	Term(s):	3/1/2021 - 6/30/2023
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Otolaryngologist

Position Number: **6**

Mr Williams, Clarence	Term(s):	7/1/2021 - 6/30/2024
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Public Member

9/28/2018 - 6/30/2021

Position Number: **7**

Cousineau, Kristy	Term(s):	10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027
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Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

Position Number: **8**

Vacant Positions

