

Memorandum

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



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BUILDING CODES STRUCTURES BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Building Codes Structures Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Chase Browning of Central Point
Jean Root of Portland

Reappointee

Eric Schmidt of Portland

Terms

Browning: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2027
Root: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2027
Schmidt: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2026

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 455.132 \(2021\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of nine members, broadly representative of the industries and professions involved in the development and construction of buildings and energy conservation, including: ⁴

- an architect or engineer (**ROOT**);
- a general contractor specializing in the construction of buildings more than three stories above grade (DYKEMAN);
- a contractor specializing in construction for heavy industry (VACANT);
- a representative of the building trade industry (MCGRADY);
- a representative of a utility or energy supplier (HARTZOG);

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2021\)](#) and [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 455.132](#), [455.144](#), and [455.146 \(2021\)](#).

- a representative of a fire protection agency (**BROWNING**);
- a building official (**SCHMIDT**);
- an owner or manager of a commercial office building (HEIKKINEN); and
- a representative selected from individuals recommended by the Oregon Disabilities Commission (SAMUELSON).

Members may serve two full four-year terms, and may be removed for good cause, including three unexcused absences during any 12-month period. The board meets at least twice a year; selects its chair and vice chair and sets their terms and function; and a majority constitutes a quorum.

Duties⁵

The board assists the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS) in administering programs concerning structural, prefabricated structures, and energy programs, and accessibility for persons with physical disabilities. Its duties include:

- working with the Residential and Manufactured Structures Board and adopting design and construction standards to mitigate radon levels in specified buildings;
- selecting two members with practical construction experience to serve on the Construction Industry Energy Board; and
- reviewing proposed energy use and conservation regulations.

The board may also:⁶

- recommend basic and uniform performance standards to the DCBS Director for maximum energy conservation and for the use of passive solar energy in design, construction, reconstruction, alteration, and repair of buildings and other structures;
- apply for, and receive, moneys from any person, the federal government, this state, or any state agency or department; and
- contract with any public agency for the performance of services or the exchange of employees or services by one to the other necessary in developing energy conservation standards.

⁵ [ORS 455.132 \(2021\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 455.365 to 455.525 \(2021\)](#).



Building Codes Structures Board

Agency: **Consumer & Business Services, Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 455.132&144**

Min Members: **9** Max Members: **9**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Labor/Trades**

Board Admin: **Debi Woods**

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Current Appointments

Mr Samuelson, Randy J

ODC Representative

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024**

3/1/2019 - 6/30/2020

Hartzog, Brenda E

Energy Supplier

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022**

Mr Schmidt, Eric J SE, CBO

Building Official

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022

Mr Forster, Stephen A

Fire Protection

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023**

2/17/2016 - 6/30/2019

Browning, Chase

Fire Protection Agency Rep

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027**

Mr Heikkinen, Gary W PE

Owner/Manager of Commerical Office Building

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024**

3/15/2017 - 6/30/2020

Mr Sandoval, Eric M

Architect

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023**

7/1/2015 - 6/30/2019

Root, Jean

Architect or Engineer

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027**

Mr Dykeman, Andrew B

Term(s):

7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026

Contractor 3+ stories and above

9/28/2018 - 6/30/2022

Position Number: **7**

McGrady, Marshall

Term(s):

11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025

Building Trade Representative

Position Number: **9**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
8	Moreland, Jeffrey "Jeff" L	Governor	4/1/2019	6/30/2022
8	Mr Wood, Steven N	Governor	7/1/2008	6/30/2012
8	Mr Bubenik, M. Blair	Governor	2/1/2004	6/30/2007