

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: September 15, 2023
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



ELECTRICAL AND ELEVATOR BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Electrical and Elevator Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Reappointee

Robert McNeill of Portland

Term

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

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

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of 15 members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate, including:⁴

- a fire and casualty underwriter (VACANT);
- a representative of industrial plants regularly employing licensed electricians (LA DIEU);
- a person representing the power and light industry (SPENCER);
- an electrical equipment supplier who otherwise qualifies by experience in the industry (SCHACHER);
- an elevator manufacturer (**MCNEILL**);
- one member from the electrical equipment manufacturing industry who otherwise qualifies by experience and training in electricity (BARLOW);
- two journeyman electricians (FLEGEL, CURRIE);
- an electrical inspector (SONNABEND);
- two electrical contractors (KYLE, RICHARDS);
- a municipal building official (BUNGA);

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 455.138 \(2021\)](#) and [455.144 \(2021\)](#).

- a journeyman elevator installer (LARZALERE);
- an owner or manager of a commercial office building (RUDDER); and
- a public member who does not receive compensation from any interest represented on the board (BEYER).

Members serve four-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor. A member may not serve more than two full terms. The board selects one of its members as chair and another as vice chair. A majority of the members of a board constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The board must meet at least four times per year.⁵

Duties

The board assists the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services in administering the state electrical and elevator programs.⁶ The board must:⁷

- administer and enforce the state's Electrical Safety Law, and adopt rules, as required, to do so;
- select two members to serve on the Construction Industry Energy Board;
- review amendments to the electrical provisions of the Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code;
- receive, review, and make determinations on appeals; and
- adopt and administer standards for the delegation of a municipal electrical inspection program.

The board may also:⁸

- adopt rules to administer the licensing, certification, or registration of persons regulated by the Electrical Safety Law;
- deny a license, certificate, registration, or application; or suspend, revoke, condition, or refuse to renew a license, certificate, or registration if the board makes specified findings;
- adopt specified exemptions from the license, permit, and product registration requirements of the Electrical Safety Law; and
- impose civil penalties for specified violations.

⁵ [ORS 455.146 \(2021\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 455.138 \(2021\)](#).

⁷ [ORS 455.492 to 455.610 \(2021\)](#), [479.540 to 479.945 \(2021\)](#), [460.125 \(2021\)](#).

⁸ [ORS 455.117 to 455.895 \(2021\)](#), [479.540 to 479.995 \(2021\)](#).



Electrical and Elevator Board

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

Authorization: **ORS 455.138&144**

Min Members: **15** Max Members: **15**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Labor/Trades**

Board Admin: **Debi Woods**

Address:

Building Codes Division

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Current Appointments

Spencer, Kenneth

Power and Light Industry Representative

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025**

Mr Kyle, Thomas "Tom" R

3(i) Electrical Contractor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**
9/25/2017 - 6/30/2021

Mr Flegel, Jon

3(g) Journeyman Electrician

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**
11/17/2017 - 6/30/2021

Schacher, Al

3(f) One member from the electrical equipment manufacturing industry who otherwise qualifies by experience and training in electricity

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026**

Mr McNeill, Robert "Rob" L

3(e) Elevator Manufacturing

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**
7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023

Mr Barlow, William "BJ" E III

3(f) Electrical Equipment Manufacturing

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **5/15/2019 - 6/30/2022**

Mr Richards, Ryan E

3(i) Electrical Contractor

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023**
12/17/2018 - 6/30/2019

Ms Beyer, Amy E	Term(s):	10/1/2020 - 6/30/2023
Public Member		
Position Number: 8		
Larzalere, Robert	Term(s):	9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025
3(k) Journeyman Elevator		
Position Number: 9		
Sonnabend, Frank	Term(s):	4/26/2023 - 6/30/2026
Electrical Inspector		
Position Number: 10		
Currie, Sara E	Term(s):	11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025
3(g) Journeyman Electrician		
Position Number: 11		
La Dieu, Brian	Term(s):	9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025
Industrial Plant Employing Electricians Rep		
Position Number: 13		
Mr Rudder, Richard E	Term(s):	11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025
3(l) Commercial Building Manager/Owner		
Position Number: 14		
Ms Bunga, Elizabeth J	Term(s):	10/1/2020 - 6/30/2021
3(j) Municipal Building Official		
Position Number: 15		

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
12	Mr Fahey, James A	Governor	7/1/2011	6/30/2015
12	Mr Fahey, James A	Governor	7/1/2007	6/30/2011
12	Mr Fahey, James A	Governor	12/1/2006	6/30/2007
12	Ms Hale, Karen F	Governor	2/15/2005	6/30/2007
12	Ms Medlock, Sara L	Governor	7/1/2003	6/30/2007
12	Ms Medlock, Sara L	Governor	7/1/1999	6/30/2003
12	Ms Medlock, Sara L	Governor	11/20/1998	6/30/1999