

Memorandum

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



GOVERNING BOARD OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Governing Board of the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Tiffany Thomas-Ronhovde of Albany

Term

October 5, 2023 – October 4, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 516.080 \(2021\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The board is composed of five Oregon citizens (KOZLOWSKI, MEDLEY, MACDONALD, TEEMAN, **THOMAS-RONHOVDE**) who serve four-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor and are eligible for reappointment.⁴ Membership must, to the greatest extent possible, represent all geographic regions of the state.

The board must hold meetings at least four times each year and special meetings may be called. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum.

Duties⁵

The board sets policy for, and directs and reviews the performance of, the State Geologist and the State Department of Geology and Mineral Industries.

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 516.080 \(2021\)](#).

⁵ [ORS Chapter 516 \(2021\)](#), [ORS Chapter 517 \(2021\)](#), [ORS Chapter 520 \(2021\)](#), [ORS Chapter 522 \(2021\)](#).

The board must:

- establish policies and approve plans that lead to an understanding of geology and mineral resources of the state, geologic processes and hazards, and scientific, economic, and tourism issues relating to geology and mineral industries;
- review and approve departmental budget requests;
- adopt rules and issue orders for the administration of specified statutory provisions including: mineral exploration; mining and well operations; permits, and bonds; the adoption of specified fees; enforcement of permit conditions and requirements; and civil penalties for specified violations;
- in consultation with the Governor, appoint the State Geologist; and
- hold hearings as needed to administer specified statutory provisions.

The board may:

- accept relevant funds from the United States government;
- enter into contracts and agreements with the United States government, or with Oregon state government, as necessary;
- adopt rules necessary for administering applicable laws;
- receive, for the use and benefit of the department, gifts, devises, and legacies of real or other property, and use them in accordance with the wishes of the donors, or, in the absence of specific instructions by the donors, manage, use, and dispose of the gifts and legacies as may be deemed by the board for the best interest of the state;
- summon witnesses, administer oaths, and require the production of records, for examination at any hearing or investigation conducted before the board;
- cause the depositions of witnesses in the manner prescribed by law for like depositions in civil suits in the circuit courts of this state; and
- bring civil action in circuit court to restrain specified violations.



Geology and Mineral Industries, Governing Board of the Department of

Agency: **Geology & Mineral Industries, Department Of**

Authorization: **ORS 516.080**

Min Members: **5** Max Members: **5**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Natural Resources**

Board Admin: **Ruarri Day-Stirrat**

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Current Appointments

Ms Kozlowski, Linda B

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **5/25/2022 - 5/24/2026**

5/25/2018 - 5/24/2022

Medley, Erica

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 9/27/2026**

Ms Teeman, Diane

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **2/14/2022 - 2/13/2026**

2/14/2018 - 2/13/2022

MacDonald, Anne

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 9/27/2026**

Dr Ashford, Scott A PhD

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **6/1/2019 - 9/30/2023**

10/1/2015 - 5/31/2019

Thomas-Ronhovde, Tiffany

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 10/4/2027**

Vacant Positions