

# Memorandum

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BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst  
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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## OREGON HEALTH POLICY BOARD

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Health Policy Board subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointees

Antonio Germann of West Linn  
Rosemarie Hemmings of Beaverton

### Reappointees

Antonio Germann of West Linn  
Kirstenn Isaacson of Portland

### Terms

Germann: October 5, 2023 – December 31, 2023  
Germann: January 1, 2024 – December 30, 2027  
Hemmings: October 5, 2023 – December 31, 2024  
Isaacson: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 413.006 \(2021\)](#)

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

Required.

### Composition<sup>3</sup>

The board consists of nine members who are U.S. citizens and Oregon residents, representing geographic, ethnic, gender, racial, and economic diversities, to the extent possible, with demonstrated leadership in their professional and civic lives, and collectively offering experience in consumer advocacy, management of a company that offers health insurance, public health, finance, organized labor, health care, and small business operation (ARANA, **GERMANN, HEMMINGS, ISAACSON**, JOHNSON, KRAMER, MORAN, SAMPSON, SANTA).<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562](#) and [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 413.006 \(2021\)](#).

Appointees serve four-year terms; at least one must have an active Oregon license to provide health care; no more than four may be employed or derive household income from health care during board tenure or during the 12-month period prior to appointment; or who receive health care benefits from a publicly funded state health benefit plan.

The Governor designates the chair and vice-chair; a majority constitutes a quorum; and the board must meet at least once a month and at least once every two years in each congressional district.

### **Duties<sup>5</sup>**

The board oversees and makes policy for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The board must:

- develop a program to provide health insurance premium assistance to all low- and moderate-income residents;
- publish anonymized, aggregate data collected by OHA;
- establish evidence-based clinical standards and practice guidelines for providers;
- approve and monitor community-centered health initiatives that are consistent with public health goals, strategies, programs, and performance standards, and report to the Legislative Assembly;
- establish cost-containment mechanisms to reduce health care costs;
- ensure that the health care workforce is sufficient in numbers and training to meet demand created by the expansion in health coverage, health care system transformations, an increasingly diverse population, and an aging workforce;
- work with Oregon's congressional delegation;
- establish a health benefit package as the baseline for plans offered through the health insurance exchange;
- investigate and report annually to the Legislative Assembly;
- meet cost-containment goals;
- oversee the expenditure of moneys from the Health Care Workforce Strategic Fund;
- work with the Public Health Benefit Purchasers Committee, administrators of the medical assistance program (Medicaid), and the Department of Corrections to identify uniform contracting standards for health benefit plans;
- appoint membership to and work with the Health Information Technology Oversight Council; and

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 413.011 \(2021\)](#).



- establish and work with specified committees.

The board may:

- subject to the approval of the Governor, organize and reorganize OHA as the board considers necessary to properly conduct its work; and
- submit directly to the Legislative Counsel, no later than October 1 of each even-numbered year, legislative measure requests necessary for statutory authorization to carry out its duties or to implement recommendations.



## Health Policy Board, Oregon

Agency: **Health Authority, Oregon**

Authorization: **ORS 413.006**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Tara Chetock**

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## Current Appointments

<b>Germann, Antonio</b>	Term(s):	<b>10/5/2023 - 12/31/2023</b>
Position Number: <b>1</b>		<b>1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026</b>

<b>Dr Santa, John S MD</b>	Term(s):	<b>1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023</b>
Expertise/Experience: Retired/Policy (transparency)		<b>6/1/2017 - 12/31/2019</b>
Position Number: <b>2</b>		

<b>Ms Isaacson, Kirsten L</b>	Term(s):	<b>1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026</b>
Expertise/Experience: Research Director/ Health policy research/ unions		<b>1/1/2019 - 12/31/2022</b>
Position Number: <b>3</b>		

<b>Ms Johnson, Brenda I</b>	Term(s):	<b>1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025</b>
Expertise/Experience: CEO/ Health system and clinic perspective		<b>1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021</b>
Position Number: <b>4</b>		<b>6/1/2016 - 12/31/2017</b>

<b>Mr Arana, Oscar U</b>	Term(s):	<b>1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025</b>
Expertise/Experience: Consultant/Community Engagement/ Equity and community leadership		<b>1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021</b>
Position Number: <b>5</b>		<b>6/1/2016 - 12/31/2017</b>

<b>Moran, Melina</b>	Term(s):	<b>9/28/2022 - 12/31/2024</b>
Expertise/Experience: Primary Care Provider/ Substance use and addiction, emergency health care, primary health care, health equity, cost containment		
Position Number: <b>6</b>		

<b>Dr. Hemmings, Rosemarie</b>	Term(s):	<b>10/5/2023 - 12/31/2024</b>
Position Number: <b>7</b>		

<b>Kramer, William "Bill" E</b>	Term(s):	<b>5/14/2021 - 12/31/2024</b>
Expertise/Experience: Consultant/ Health insurance, finance, and metrics		
Position Number: <b>8</b>		

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**Ms Sampson, Sandra "Sandy" D**

Term(s):

**3/1/2022 - 12/31/2022**

Expertise/Experience: Primary Care Provider/ Substance use and addiction, emergency health care, primary health care, health equity, cost containment

Position Number: **9**

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## Vacant Positions