

# Memorandum

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



## OREGON STATE VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon State Veterinary Medical Examining Board subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointees

Max Rinaldi of Eugene  
Brian Wadyka of Damascus  
Katy Wallace of Burns

### Reappointee

Brian Wadyka of Damascus

### Terms

Rinaldi: November 1, 2023 – October 31, 2027  
Wadyka: October 5, 2023 – May 31, 2024  
Wadyka: June 1, 2024 – May 31, 2028  
Wallace: October 5, 2023 – October 4, 2027

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 686.210 \(2021\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The board consists of eight Oregon residents, including:<sup>4</sup>

- five individuals who are licensed to practice veterinary medicine, surgery, and dentistry in this state (BORZCIK, DAVIS, DEBESS, HAMILTON, LAMB, **RINALDI, WALLACE**);
- one certified veterinary technician (MAIR-WILLIAMSON); and
- two public members who are not otherwise eligible and are not related to a person licensed by the board (PATE, **WADYKA**).

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2021\)](#), [ORS 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 686.210 \(2021\)](#).

Members serve four-year terms. A statewide professional association for veterinarians may submit a list of nominees for veterinarian and public member positions. A statewide professional association for veterinary technicians may submit a list of nominees for the veterinary technician and public member positions on the board. The Governor must consider nominees suggested by an association.

The board elects its president to preside at all meetings, and a temporary chair in the absence of the president. A majority of members constitutes a quorum.

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

The board tests, licenses, monitors, and regulates practitioners of veterinary medicine in this state. The board must:

- administer licensing, certification, and registration for veterinarians, veterinary assistants, and veterinary facilities;
- upon receipt of a complaint, conduct an investigation; and
- adopt rules for the administration of statutes assigned to the board.

The board may:

- specify circumstances under which unlicensed persons may assist in the practice of veterinary medicine;
- discipline any permit or license holder for specified reasons;
- investigate any alleged violation of the laws administered by the board;
- refuse to issue or renew a license or permit if the applicant has committed any act or omission which would constitute unprofessional or dishonorable conduct;
- appoint a committee of practicing veterinarians to investigate any charge;
- adopt necessary rules;
- when considered necessary for the proper execution of the duties imposed upon it, employ an investigator or other employees, with payment to such employees to be made out of the funds of the board;
- adopt and impose fees for specific activities;
- establish a certified Euthanasia Task Force and assess application and certification fees against certified euthanasia technicians and employers; and
- inspect a veterinary facility to ensure that the veterinary facility is in compliance with the laws administered by the board.

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 686.020 to 686.990 \(2021\)](#).



## Veterinary Medical Examining Board, Oregon State

Agency: **Unknown**

Authorization: **ORS 686.210**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Labor/Trades**

Board Admin: **Pete Burns**

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### Current Appointments

**Dr DeBess, Emilio E DVM**

Veterinarian

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **11/1/2019 - 10/31/2023**

**11/1/2015 - 10/31/2019**

**5/1/2004 - 4/30/2008**

**5/1/2000 - 4/30/2004**

**Borzcik, Ragan**

Veterinarian

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **12/12/2022 - 12/11/2026**

**Wallace, Katy**

Veterinarian

Position Number: **2**

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

**Dr Hamilton, Brett T**

Veterinarian

Position Number: **3**

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

**3/1/2018 - 2/28/2022**

**Pate, Karen L**

Public Member

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **9/25/2021 - 9/24/2025**

**9/25/2017 - 9/24/2021**

**Rinaldi, Max**

Veterinarian

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **11/1/2023 - 10/31/2027**

**Wadyka, Brian**

Public Member

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **6/1/2024 - 5/31/2028**

**10/5/2023 - 5/31/2024**

**Dr Lamb, Allison P DVM**

Veterinarian

Position Number: **7**

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

**3/1/2018 - 2/28/2022**

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**Mrs Mair Williamson, Natalie A**

Term(s):

**12/1/2019 - 11/30/2023**

Certified Veterinary Technician

Position Number: **8**

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## Vacant Positions

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