

# Memorandum

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



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## STATE BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Board of Licensed Social Workers subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointees

Scott Wilson of Oregon City

### Reappointees

Melissa Janssen of Portland  
Stephanie Manriquez of Bend

### Terms

Janssen: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027  
Manriquez: July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2025  
Wilson: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2027

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 675.590 \(2021\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The board consists of seven Oregon residents, and includes: <sup>4</sup>

- three licensed clinical social workers (ASHTON-WILLIAMS, **WILSON**, VACANT);
- one licensed baccalaureate social worker, a licensed master's social worker, or a certified clinical social work associate (**JANSSEN**); and
- three public members with interest in clinical social work, who are not regulated social workers or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a regulated social worker (FANT, **MANRIQUEZ**, VACANT).

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2021\)](#) and [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 675.590 \(2021\)](#).

Regulated social workers are appointed from a list of nominees, submitted by relevant professional organizations. Members serve four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. A member is removed if they fail to maintain appointment criteria, or the member has three consecutive unexcused absences.

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

The board regulates the practice of clinical social work in this state. The board must:

- administer licensing for regulated social workers;
- adopt rules for the administration of specified laws;
- establish and collect specified fees;
- formulate and enforce a code of professional conduct;
- annually publish a list of authorized regulated social workers;
- establish a voluntary arbitration procedure to resolve disputes between clients and workers; and
- report to the Legislative Assembly on its activities regarding authorizations to practice regulated social work during the preceding biennium.

The board may:

- authorize temporary licensure;
- establish written exam requirements and continuing education requirements;
- impose specified sanctions on regulated social workers;
- investigate alleged violation;
- issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses, take testimony, administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses, conduct hearings, and require the production of relevant documents in all proceedings pertaining to the duties and powers of the board; and
- require the fingerprints of specified persons.

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 675.510 to 675.600 \(2021\)](#).



## Social Workers, State Board of Licensed

Agency: **Health Authority, Oregon**

Authorization: **ORS 675.590**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **7**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Human Services**

Board Admin: **Lou Savage**

Address:

**3218 Pringle Rd SE #240**

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**503-373-1163**

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## Current Appointments

**Ms Outland, Mary K**

Social Worker

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **7/1/2015 - 6/30/2019**

**6/1/2012 - 6/30/2015**

**7/1/1999 - 6/30/2003**

**7/1/1995 - 6/30/1999**

**Dimas, Jes**

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Position Number: **1**

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

**Janssen, Melissa "Mollie" C**

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Position Number: **2**

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

**9/23/2019 - 6/30/2023**

**Wilson, Scott**

Clinical Social Work Associate, Licensed Masters Social Worker, or Registered Baccalaureate Social Worker

Position Number: **3**

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

**Ms Manriquez, Stephanie L**

Public Member

Position Number: **4**

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

**11/17/2017 - 6/30/2021**

**Ashton-Williams, Amy**

Social Worker

Position Number: **5**

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

**Mr Fant, John L Jr**

Public Member

Position Number: **6**

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

**3/15/2017 - 6/30/2020**

## Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
7	Ms Dennis, Brenda L	Governor	7/1/2019	6/30/2023
7	Ms Dennis, Brenda L	Governor	7/1/2015	6/30/2019
7	Ms Dennis, Brenda L	Governor	6/1/2014	6/30/2015
7	Ms Custer, Kittee	Governor	12/1/2011	6/30/2015
7	Mr Troseth, Mark P	Governor	7/1/2006	6/30/2010