

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Oregon State Senate  
DATE: September 20, 2023  
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst  
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



## STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS

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The Governor has appointed the following individual to the State Board of Massage Therapists subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointee

John English of Dallas

### Term

October 5, 2023 – October 4, 2027

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 687.115 \(2021\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

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

- four licensed massage therapists (GAUL, GRAY, RODRIGUEZ, ROWAN);
- one public member representing a health-related field (LAYOUS); and
- two other public members (**ENGLISH**, ODLE).

Members serve four-year terms. The massage therapists may be selected by the Governor from a list of nominees submitted by applicable professional organizations. Public members may not be massage therapists or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a massage therapist.

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

The board regulates the practice of massage therapy and must report all cases warranting a criminal prosecution. The board may adopt rules:

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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 687.115 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>5</sup> [ORS 687.121 to 687.250 \(2021\)](#).

- establishing sanitary and hygienic standards, and health, safety, and infection control requirements for premises and facilities used by massage therapists;
- relating to the methods and procedures used in the practice of massage;
- governing licensure, including education and training requirements; and
- regarding any other matter that the board reasonably considers necessary and proper for the administration and enforcement of its authority.

The board may also:

- investigate any alleged violation within the board's statutory authority;
- inspect the massage facility or premises; and
- assess civil penalties for violations.



## Massage Therapists, State Board of

Agency: **Semi-independent**

Authorization: **ORS 687.115**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Robert Ruark**

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**Suite 220**

**Salem, OR 97301**

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## Current Appointments

**Ms Rodriguez, Christa M**

Licensed Massage Therapist

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **2/17/2020 - 2/16/2024**

**2/17/2016 - 2/16/2020**

**Gaul, Shannon**

Licensed Massage Therapist

Position Number: **2**

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

**Ms Gray, Carol A**

Licensed Massage Therapist

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **10/1/2020 - 9/30/2024**

**Odle, Maria E**

Public Member

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023**

**English, John**

Public Member

Position Number: **5**

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

**Rowan, Beckett K**

Licensed Massage Therapist

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **4/1/2021 - 3/31/2025**

**Layous, Rami**

Public Member - Public Health Field

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 4/25/2027**

## Vacant Positions