

# Memorandum

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



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## STATE MORTUARY AND CEMETERY BOARD

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Mortuary and Cemetery Board subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### Reappointees

Robert Gaskill of Estacada  
Debra Harris of Portland

### Terms

Gaskill: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026  
Harris: January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2026

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 692.300 \(2021\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The board consists of 11 Oregon residents, including:<sup>4</sup>

- one funeral service practitioner (**GASKILL**);
- two representatives of an immediate disposition company or a licensed funeral establishment, with at least one licensed embalmer (**BONE, LOVELAND**);
- Three representatives of cemeteries from:
  - a for-profit cemetery (**MCKENZIE-TUCKER**);
  - a nonprofit cemetery (**FELTON**); and
  - a cemetery owned or operated by a city, county, or special district (**PORTER**);
- one representative of a crematorium or other facility for final disposition of human remains that is not a cemetery (**COLLINS**); and
- four public members, with one being from a recognized senior citizen organization (**BRITTON, CANIZARES, HARRIS, PACHECO**).

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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 692.300 \(2021\)](#).

For each professional vacancy, the Governor may select from a list of nominees submitted by related professional organizations. Members serve four-year terms. The board elects its president and secretary for one-year terms. The board must meet at least semi-annually.

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

The board regulates death care facilities and practitioners in Oregon. The board must:

- offer exams and issue licenses;
- establish licensing fees;
- inspect premises and records of funeral establishments, cemeteries, crematoriums, immediate disposition companies, and other facilities used for the final disposition of human remains and any other location at which human remains may be stored, temporarily held, or processed prior to final disposition;
- employ persons to perform inspections and to aid in the enforcement;
- conduct an investigation upon receipt of a complaint;
- conduct hearings when the board takes specified disciplinary actions;
- have a common seal;
- publish the statutes and rules administered by the board;
- adopt rules promoting environmentally sound death care practices;
- establish fees and adopt rules regarding their use; and
- maintain a list of institutions that may accept or process bodies for education or research purposes.

The board may:

- randomly inspect or establish a self-inspection program;
- setting criteria by which an operating cemetery is exempt from inspections;
- hold hearings and conduct investigations;
- employ staff, fix the compensation for staff, and incur other necessary expenses;
- institute proceedings in the circuit courts to enforce obedience by injunction;
- investigate a complaint made by any person or by the board; and
- impose civil penalties, suspend or revoke a license to practice or to operate.

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 692.405 to 692.415 \(2021\)](#).



## Mortuary and Cemetery Board, State

Agency: **Human Services, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 692.300**

Min Members: **11** Max Members: **11**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Chad Dresselhaus**

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## Current Appointments

<b>Mr Bone, David A</b> Funeral Service Practitioner/Embalmer Position Number: <b>1</b>	Term(s): <b>1/1/2019 - 12/31/2022</b> <b>1/1/2016 - 12/31/2018</b>
<b>Mr Loveland, Kevin B</b> Crematorium Operator Position Number: <b>3</b>	Term(s): <b>3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026</b> <b>1/1/2016 - 12/31/2018</b> <b>9/18/2013 - 12/31/2015</b>
<b>Mr Gaskill, Robert "Rob" L</b> Funeral Service Practitioner Position Number: <b>2</b>	Term(s): <b>1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026</b> <b>5/15/2019 - 12/31/2022</b>
<b>Felton, Nancy L</b> Funeral Service Practitioner, Non Profit Cemetery Position Number: <b>4</b>	Term(s): <b>1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025</b> <b>1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021</b> <b>9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017</b>
<b>Ms Porter, Melissa J</b> Cemetery Operator (City/County Owned) Position Number: <b>5</b>	Term(s): <b>2/14/2020 - 12/31/2023</b>
<b>Collins, Gary "Craig" C</b> Crematorium Operator Position Number: <b>6</b>	Term(s): <b>1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023</b>
<b>Ms Pacheco, Elizabeth "Beth" K</b> Public Member Position Number: <b>7</b>	Term(s): <b>1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025</b> <b>1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021</b> <b>9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017</b>
<b>Britton, Joseph</b> Public Member Position Number: <b>8</b>	Term(s): <b>9/28/2022 - 9/27/2026</b>

<b>Mr Canizares, Ruggiero S</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024</b>
Public Member		
Position Number: <b>9</b>		
<b>Ms McKenzie-Tucker, Angela R</b>	Term(s):	<b>1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025</b>
Funeral Service Practitioner, Embalmer, Fnl Est or IDC, For profit cemetery		<b>1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021</b>
Position Number: <b>10</b>		<b>9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017</b>
<b>Dr Harris, Debra C</b>	Term(s):	<b>1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026</b>
Public Member		<b>5/15/2019 - 12/31/2022</b>
Position Number: <b>11</b>		

## Vacant Positions