

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 BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the State Board of Education subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Libra Forde of Damascus
Virginia López Sánchez of Hillsboro
Cynthia Richardson of Salem

Reappointees

Libra Forde of Damascus
Jennifer Scurlock of Eugene

Terms

Forde: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Forde: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028
López Sánchez: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2027
Richardson: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2027
Scurlock: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 326.021 \(2021\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of eleven members, nine of which are appointed by the Governor.⁴ Membership includes:⁵

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2021\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ This reflects changes in membership, established by [House Bill 3383 \(2023\)](#) (Chapter 440, Laws 2023), due to the addition of a sixth congressional district, which was established in [Chapter 1, Oregon Laws 2021 \(first special session\)](#).

⁵ [ORS 326.021 \(2021\)](#) and please see the footnote above.

- a resident from each congressional district (MORALES (CD2), **FORDE (CD3)**, **LOPEZ SANCHEZ (CD1)**, WHEELER (CD4), MONTGOMERY (CD5), **MARTINEZ ZAPATA (CD6)**);
- three at large members, one of whom is a licensed teacher (**SCURLOCK**); one of whom is engaged as a classified staff member in a public school or for an education service district (VACANT); and one without specified requirements (**RICHARDSON**);
- the State Treasurer, or their designee, *ex officio*, nonvoting (READ); and
- the Secretary of State, or their designee, *ex officio*, nonvoting (GRIFFIN-VALADE).

Gubernatorial appointees serve four-year terms and may not be appointed to more than two full terms. The Governor may remove appointed members for cause at any time after notice and public hearing. The board must meet at least six times each year and elect one of its members to serve as chairperson.⁶

Duties

The board establishes statewide policy for the administration and operation of public elementary and secondary schools and oversees the Department of Education.⁷

The board must:⁸

- consider the goals of modern education; the requirements of a sound, comprehensive curriculum best suited to the needs of the students and the public; and any other factors consistent with the maintenance of a modern and efficient elementary and secondary school system;
- establish state standards for public kindergartens and public elementary and secondary schools;
- adopt rules for the general governance of public kindergartens and public elementary and secondary schools, regarding school and interscholastic activities, prohibiting discrimination, and as required to administer laws assigned to the board; and
- prescribe required or minimum courses of study.

The board may also:⁹

⁶ [ORS 326.041 \(2021\)](#).

⁷ [ORS 326.011 and 326.111 \(2021\) \(2019\)](#).

⁸ [ORS 326.011 to 326.607 \(2021\)](#).

⁹ [ORS 326.051 to 326.540 \(2021\)](#).



- accept money or property which is donated for the use or benefit of public kindergartens and public elementary and secondary schools and use such money or property for the purpose for which it was donated;
- apply for federal funds and accept and enter into any contracts or agreements on behalf of the state for the receipt of such funds from the federal government or its agencies for education purposes, career and technical education programs, and grants;
- adopt rules to administer the United States Department of Agriculture's National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program for public and private prekindergarten through grade 12 schools and residential child care facilities; and
- acquire intellectual property of any kind and manage, develop, or dispose of that property.



Education, State Board of

Agency: **Education, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 326.021 & .041**

Min Members: **9** Max Members: **11**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Education**

Board Admin: **Corey Rosenberg**

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Current Appointments

Lopez Smith, Virginia "Vicky"

CD 1

Position Number: **1**

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

Mr Morales, Gustavo

CD 2

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 6/30/2026**

Forde, Libra

CD 3

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028**
10/5/2023 - 6/30/2024

Mrs Wheeler, Bridgett L

CD 4

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024**
9/23/2016 - 6/30/2020

Montgomery, Shimiko

CD 5

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 6/30/2026**

Martinez Zapata, Guadalupe L

CD 6

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024**
12/17/2018 - 6/30/2020

Mrs Scurlock, Jennifer L

At-Large - Teacher

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**
9/23/2019 - 6/30/2023

Ms Richardson, Cynthia A

At-Large

Position Number: **9**

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

Treasurer Read, Tobias	Term(s):	-
State Treasurer; Non-voting ex-officio		
Position Number: 10		

Vacant Positions				
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
8	Westlund, Ben	Ex. Officio		
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End