

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Oregon State Senate  
DATE: April 18, 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

Rami Layouts of Portland

### Term

April 26, 2023 – April 25, 2027

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

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

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

Not required.

### Statutory Requirements<sup>3</sup>

The board consists of seven members appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate.<sup>4</sup> All members of the board must be residents of this state. Members serve four-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor.

Four members must be licensed massage therapists (GRAY, GAUL, ROWAN, RODRIGUEZ). These members may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy, submitted by a professional organization representing massage therapists.

Three members must be members of the public, including one public member selected from a health-related field (**LAYOUS**, ODLE, VACANT). Public members may not be massage therapists or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling of a massage therapist.

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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 \(2021\)](#).

## Duties and Authority

The board regulates the practice of massage therapy in Oregon.<sup>5</sup> The board may adopt rules:<sup>6</sup>

- establishing reasonable standards concerning the sanitary and hygienic conditions of, and public health and safety for, premises and facilities used by massage therapists;
- establishing health, safety and infection control requirements for massage facilities;
- relating to the methods and procedures used in the practice of massage;
- governing the examination and investigation of applicants for a license and the issuance, renewal, suspension, and revocation of such licenses and permits;
- setting standards for certifying classes required for licensure;
- requiring that a massage therapist supply the board with the accurate, current address or addresses where the massage therapist engages in the practice of massage;
- requiring that a person who holds a permit to operate a massage facility supply the board with the accurate, current address where the massage facility is located;
- fixing the educational, training and experience requirements for licensing by indorsement or reciprocity;
- establishing requirements for issuance and retention of an inactive massage therapist license or permit to operate a massage facility; and
- regarding any other matter that the board reasonably considers necessary and proper for the administration and enforcement of its authority.

The board must report to the proper district attorney all cases that in the judgment of the board warrant criminal prosecution.<sup>7</sup> The board may:<sup>8</sup>

- investigate any alleged violation within the board's statutory authority and may take evidence, take the deposition of witnesses, compel the appearance of witnesses, require answers to interrogatories, and compel the production of materials pertaining to the matter under investigation;
- inspect the massage facility or premises in order to determine whether the massage facility or premises meet the standards set by order of the board; and

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<sup>5</sup> Oregon State Board of Massage Therapists, *About the Board*, <https://www.oregon.gov/obmt/Pages/about.aspx> (last visited April 1, 2023).

<sup>6</sup> [ORS 687.121 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>7</sup> [ORS 687.250 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>8</sup> [ORS 687.122 to 687.250 \(2021\)](#).



- assess a civil penalty against a person who violates standards administered by the board.



## Massage Therapists, State Board of

Agency: **None**

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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## 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**

**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

<b>Pos</b>	<b>Former Member</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>	<b>Term Begin</b>	<b>Term End</b>
5	Ms Chen, Meng L	Governor	1/1/2019	12/31/2022
5	Ms Chen, Meng L	Governor	1/1/2015	12/31/2018
5	Mr McMillin, R. Craig	Governor	9/25/2010	9/24/2014
5	Mr McMillin, R. Craig	Governor	9/25/2006	9/24/2010
5	Dr Welker, Brad D DC	Governor	7/1/2002	6/30/2006