

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules  
DATE: January 30, 2024  
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst  
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



## ELECTRICAL AND ELEVATOR BOARD

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The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Electrical and Elevator Board subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### Reappointee

Ryan Richards of Oregon City

### Term

July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 455.144 \(2023\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The board consists of 15 members, including:<sup>4</sup>

- a fire and casualty underwriter (VACANT);
- a representative of industrial plants regularly employing licensed electricians (LA DIEU);
- one representative of the power and light industry (SPENCER);
- an electrical equipment supplier who otherwise qualifies by experience in the industry (SCHACHER);
- an elevator manufacturer (MCNEILL);
- one representative of the electrical equipment manufacturing industry who otherwise qualifies by experience and training in electricity (BARLOW);
- two journeyman electricians (FLEGEL, CURRIE);
- an electrical inspector (SONNABEND);
- two electrical contractors (KYLE, **RICHARDS**);
- a municipal building official (BUNGA);
- a journeyman elevator installer (LARZALERE);

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2023\)](#) and [171.565 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 455.138 \(2023\)](#) and [455.144 \(2023\)](#).

- an owner or manager of a commercial office building (RUDDER); and
- a public member who does not receive compensation from any interest represented on the board (BEYER).

Members serve four-year terms and may not serve more than two full terms. The board selects its chair and vice chair. The board must meet at least four times per year.<sup>5</sup>

## Duties

The board assists the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services in administering the state electrical and elevator programs.<sup>6</sup> The board must:<sup>7</sup>

- administer and enforce the state's Electrical Safety Law;
- select two members to serve on the Construction Industry Energy Board;
- review amendments to the electrical provisions of the Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code;
- receive, review, and make determinations on appeals; and
- adopt and administer standards for the delegation of a municipal electrical inspection program.

The board may also:<sup>8</sup>

- adopt rules to administer the licensing, certification, or registration of persons regulated by the Electrical Safety Law;
- deny a license, certificate, registration, or application; or suspend, revoke, condition, or refuse to renew a license, certificate, or registration if the board makes specified findings;
- adopt specified exemptions from the license, permit, and product registration requirements of the Electrical Safety Law; and
- impose civil penalties for specified violations.

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 455.146 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>6</sup> [ORS 455.138 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>7</sup> [ORS 455.492 to 455.610 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 479.540 to 479.945 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 460.125 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>8</sup> [ORS 455.117 to 455.895 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 479.540 to 479.995 \(2023\)](#).



## Electrical and Elevator Board

Agency: **Consumer & Business Services, Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 455.138&144**

Min Members: **15** Max Members: **15**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Labor/Trades**

Board Admin: **Debi Woods**

Address:

**Building Codes Division**

**PO Box 14470**

**Salem, OR 97309-0404**

**503-899-2972**

**Debra.j.woods@dcbs.oregon.gov**

## Current Appointments

**Spencer, Kenneth**

Power and Light Industry Representative

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025**

**Mr Kyle, Thomas "Tom" R**

3(i) Electrical Contractor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**  
**9/25/2017 - 6/30/2021**

**Mr Flegel, Jon**

3(g) Journeyman Electrician

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**  
**11/17/2017 - 6/30/2021**

**Schacher, Al**

3(f) One member from the electrical equipment manufacturing industry who otherwise qualifies by experience and training in electricity

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026**

**Mr McNeill, Robert "Rob" L**

3(e) Elevator Manufacturing

Position Number: **5**

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

**Mr Barlow, William "BJ" E III**

3(f) Electrical Equipment Manufacturing

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **5/15/2019 - 6/30/2022**

**Mr Richards, Ryan E**

Electrical Contractor

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**  
**7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023**  
**12/17/2018 - 6/30/2019**

<b>Ms Beyer, Amy E</b>	Term(s):	<b>10/1/2020 - 6/30/2023</b>
Public Member		
Position Number: <b>8</b>		
<b>Larzalere, Robert</b>	Term(s):	<b>9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025</b>
3(k) Journeyman Elevator		
Position Number: <b>9</b>		
<b>Sonnabend, Frank</b>	Term(s):	<b>4/26/2023 - 6/30/2026</b>
Electrical Inspector		
Position Number: <b>10</b>		
<b>Currie, Sara E</b>	Term(s):	<b>11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025</b>
3(g) Journeyman Electrician		
Position Number: <b>11</b>		
<b>La Dieu, Brian</b>	Term(s):	<b>9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025</b>
Industrial Plant Employing Electricians Rep		
Position Number: <b>13</b>		
<b>Mr Rudder, Richard E</b>	Term(s):	<b>11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025</b>
3(l) Commercial Building Manager/Owner		
Position Number: <b>14</b>		
<b>Ms Bunga, Elizabeth J</b>	Term(s):	<b>10/1/2020 - 6/30/2021</b>
3(j) Municipal Building Official		
Position Number: <b>15</b>		

## Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
12	Mr Fahey, James A	Governor	7/1/2011	6/30/2015
12	Mr Fahey, James A	Governor	7/1/2007	6/30/2011
12	Mr Fahey, James A	Governor	12/1/2006	6/30/2007
12	Ms Hale, Karen F	Governor	2/15/2005	6/30/2007
12	Ms Medlock, Sara L	Governor	7/1/2003	6/30/2007
12	Ms Medlock, Sara L	Governor	7/1/1999	6/30/2003
12	Ms Medlock, Sara L	Governor	11/20/1998	6/30/1999