

Memorandum

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



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EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Employment Appeals Board, subject to Senate confirmation:¹

Reappointee

Duncan Hettle of Tigard

Term

February 17, 2024 – February 16, 2028

Statutory Authority

[ORS 657.685 \(2023\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of three members; no more than two may be affiliated with the same political party: (**HETTLE (N/A)**, SERRES (R) and STEGER-BENTZ (D).)

The Governor is required to consider the interests of labor, industry, and the public. The Governor designates the chair, who may appoint pro tempore members to serve for a maximum of 90 days, with the Governor's approval.

Duties⁴

The board exists within the Employment Department to adjudicate appeals of decisions made by administrative law judges concerning eligibility for unemployment insurance benefits. The board must, upon receipt of a timely application for review, promptly affirm, modify, or set aside the decision of the administrative law judge and notify interested parties. The board may also:

- reconsider any previous decision of the board;
- hold sessions anyplace within the state; and

¹ [Or. Const. art. III, §4](#); [ORS 171.562 \(2023\)](#) and [ORS 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 657.685 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 657.275 to 659.690 \(2023\)](#).

- administer oaths, and issue subpoenas for the production of persons and documents.



Employment Appeals Board

Agency: **Semi-Independent**

Authorization: **ORS 657.685**

Min Members: **3** Max Members: **3**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **None**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Labor/Trades**

Board Admin: **Sarah Serres**

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Salem, OR 97311

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Current Appointments

Serres, Sarah

Republican

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

6/10/2022 - 6/9/2026

Mr Hettle, Duncan P

Non-Affiliated

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

2/17/2024 - 2/16/2028

2/17/2020 - 2/16/2024

2/17/2016 - 2/16/2020

6/1/2015 - 8/31/2015

Ms Steger-Bentz, Angela M

Democrat

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

6/1/2022 - 5/31/2026

5/14/2021 - 5/31/2022

Vacant Positions