

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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OREGON BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Josh Luper of Tigard

Term

February 16, 2024 – February 15, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 685.160 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven Oregon residents, including:⁴

- five naturopathic physicians (LARIVEE, MARTIN, MINARIK, ROBLES-HERNANDEZ, WALTER); and
- two public members who are not naturopathic physicians or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a naturopathic physician (**LUPER**, WRIGHT).

The naturopathic physicians may be selected from a list of nominees submitted by professional organizations. They must have each practiced continuously in Oregon for the five years immediately prior to the date of appointment.

Members serve three-year terms and are eligible for reappointment, limited to two consecutive full terms. A member must be removed immediately if they fail to retain qualifications for appointment or have three consecutive unexcused absences. The board annually elects its chair.⁵

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

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

⁴ [ORS 685.160 \(2023\)](#).

⁵ [ORS 685.170 \(2023\)](#).

Duties⁶

The board licenses and regulates naturopathic physicians. The board must:

- administer licenses for naturopathic physicians;
- adopt and assess fees for specified services;
- when proposing discipline, give opportunity for an administrative hearing; and
- appoint a member to the Council on Naturopathic Physicians Formulary.

The board may:

- offer continuing education and approve programs;
- require the fingerprints of specified individuals;
- maintain an action for an injunction against any person practicing, attempting to practice, or claiming to practice naturopathic medicine without a license;
- conduct investigations; and
- impose civil penalties up to \$5,000 for each violation.

⁶ [ORS 685.106 to 685.990 \(2023\)](#).



Naturopathic Medicine, Oregon Board of

Agency: **Semi-Independent**

Authorization: **ORS 685.160 & .170**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **7**

Term Length: **3** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Mary-Beth Baptista**

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Current Appointments

Larivee, Meghan	Term(s):	11/19/2021 - 6/30/2024
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Naturopath

Position Number: **1**

Robles Hernandez, Zia	Term(s):	9/28/2022 - 9/27/2025
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Naturopath

Position Number: **2**

Dr Walter, Timothy "Bill" O	Term(s):	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2025
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Naturopath

7/1/2019 - 6/30/2022

Position Number: **3**

Minarik, Ryan	Term(s):	11/19/2021 - 6/30/2024
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Naturopath

Position Number: **4**

Luper, Josh	Term(s):	2/16/2024 - 2/15/2027
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Public Member

Position Number: **5**

Dr. Martin, Ryan	Term(s):	9/28/2022 - 9/27/2025
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Naturopath

Position Number: **6**

Wright, Katherine "Kate"	Term(s):	10/5/2023 - 6/30/2025
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Public Member

Position Number: **7**

Vacant Positions