

# Memorandum

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



## OREGON PATIENT SAFETY COMMISSION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Oregon Patient Safety Commission Board of Directors subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointee

Susan Steen of Portland

### Term

February 16, 2024 – July 1, 2027

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 442.830 \(2023\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The board consists of 17 members. including:<sup>4</sup>

- one Oregon university faculty member who is not involved in the direct delivery of health care (CALDWELL);
- two group purchasers of health care, one of whom shall be employed by a governmental entity, and neither of whom provide direct health care services or have an immediate family member who does (BUI, VACANT);
- two health care consumers, neither of whom provide direct health care services or have an immediate family member who does (MORRIS, VACANT);
- two health insurers, including a domestic not-for-profit health care service contractor, a domestic insurance company licensed to transact health insurance, or a health maintenance organization (ENGRAV, MARVIN);
- one representative of a statewide or national labor organization (HURST);
- two licensed physicians who are in active practice (CHADAGA, DANNENHOFFER);
- two hospital administrators or their designees (MIKULA, **STEEN**);

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562](#) 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 442.830 \(2023\)](#).

- one licensed pharmacist (HUFFT);
- one representative of an ambulatory surgical center or outpatient renal dialysis facility (KETCHUM);
- one licensed nurse who is in active clinical practice (BEMETZ);
- one licensed nursing home administrator or nursing home director of nursing services (SPRANDO); and
- the State Public Health Officer or designee (SELOVER).

Members serve four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. The board selects its chair and vice chair. No voting member may be an employee of the commission.

### **Duties<sup>5</sup>**

The Oregon Patient Safety Commission is a semi-independent state agency that improves patient safety by reducing the risk of serious adverse events occurring in Oregon's health care system and by encouraging a culture of patient safety in Oregon. The board exercises the power of, and provides governance to, the commission.

The board must:

- adopt rules necessary for the implementation of the Oregon Patient Safety Reporting Program;
- maintain the confidentiality of all patient safety data; and
- appoint a commission administrator.

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 442.820 to 442.835 \(2023\)](#).



## Patient Safety Commission Board of Directors, Oregon

Agency: **Semi-Independent**

Authorization: **ORS 442.830**

Min Members: **17** Max Members: **17**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Val Harmon**

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## Current Appointments

**Caldwell, Hollie**

Faculty Member Rep

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 7/1/2026**

**Bui, Lisa T**

Public Purchaser

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **10/1/2022 - 9/30/2026**  
**12/17/2018 - 9/30/2022**

**Russell Morris, Jessica H**

Healthcare Consumer

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **10/1/2023 - 9/30/2027**  
**10/1/2019 - 9/30/2023**

**Dr Marvin, Judith**

Insurer

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **10/1/2020 - 9/30/2024**  
**10/1/2016 - 9/30/2020**

**Dr Engrav, Mary B MD**

Insurer

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **3/1/2021 - 9/30/2024**

**Dr Chadaga, Smitha R**

Physician

Position Number: **9**

Term(s): **3/1/2021 - 9/30/2024**

**Dr. Dannenhoffer, Robert L MD**

Physician

Position Number: **10**

Term(s): **3/1/2021 - 9/30/2024**

**Dr Mikula, Margaret I**

Hospital Administrator

Position Number: **11**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 7/1/2027**

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|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Steen, Susan</b>                | Term(s): | <b>2/16/2024 - 7/1/2027</b> |
| Hospital Administrator             |          |                             |
| Position Number: <b>12</b>         |          |                             |
| <b>Hufft, Katherine</b>            | Term(s): | <b>10/1/2022 - 7/1/2026</b> |
| Pharmacist                         |          |                             |
| Position Number: <b>13</b>         |          |                             |
| <b>Ms Ketchum, Kristi K</b>        | Term(s): | <b>3/1/2021 - 9/30/2024</b> |
| Ambulatory Surgical Center         |          |                             |
| Position Number: <b>14</b>         |          |                             |
| <b>Mrs Bemetz, Amanda J</b>        | Term(s): | <b>3/1/2021 - 9/30/2023</b> |
| Nurse                              |          |                             |
| Position Number: <b>15</b>         |          |                             |
| <b>Sprando, Erin</b>               | Term(s): | <b>4/26/2023 - 7/1/2026</b> |
| Nursing Facility Rep               |          |                             |
| Position Number: <b>16</b>         |          |                             |
| <b>Dr Selover, Dana S</b>          | Term(s): | <b>-</b>                    |
| Public Health Officer; By Position |          |                             |
| Position Number: <b>17</b>         |          |                             |

## Vacant Positions

| Pos | Former Member          | Appointed By | Term Begin | Term End  |
|-----|------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| 2   | Ms Evans, Gayle M SPHR | Governor     | 10/1/2017  | 9/30/2021 |
| 2   | Ms Evans, Gayle M SPHR | Governor     | 3/1/2014   | 9/30/2017 |
| 2   | Mr Martin, James F     | Governor     | 10/1/2009  | 9/30/2013 |
| 2   | Mr Martin, James F     | Governor     | 1/23/2006  | 9/30/2009 |
| Pos | Former Member          | Appointed By | Term Begin | Term End  |
| 4   | Ms Wells, Elaine M     | Governor     | 10/1/2017  | 9/30/2021 |
| 4   | Ms Price, Naomi K      | Governor     | 10/1/2012  | 9/30/2016 |
| 4   | Ms Price, Naomi K      | Governor     | 7/1/2009   | 9/30/2012 |
| 4   | Mr Goldner, Andreas M  | Governor     | 7/2/2004   | 7/1/2008  |
| 4   | Mr Goldner, Andreas M  | Governor     | 2/1/2004   | 7/1/2004  |

| Pos | Former Member              | Appointed By | Term Begin | Term End  |
|-----|----------------------------|--------------|------------|-----------|
| 8   | Hurst, Heather L           | Governor     | 3/1/2021   | 9/30/2024 |
| 8   | Ms Tobias-White, Natasha P | Governor     | 10/1/2016  | 9/30/2020 |
| 8   | Ms Tobias-White, Natasha P | Governor     | 12/1/2011  | 9/30/2015 |
| 8   | Ms King, Susan E RN        | Governor     | 7/2/2006   | 7/1/2010  |
| 8   | Ms King, Susan E RN        | Governor     | 2/1/2004   | 7/1/2006  |