

Memorandum

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



RESPIRATORY THERAPIST AND POLYSOMNOGRAPHIC TECHNOLOGIST LICENSING BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Advisory Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Richard Burton II of Gold Beach

Term

February 16, 2024 – February 15, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 688.820 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven Oregon residents, including:

- three respiratory care practitioners (**BURTON**, ERICKSON, FREIMARK);
- two polysomnography practitioners (EASBEY, ESPINOZA);
- one qualified medical director for polysomnography or for respiratory care (LEFOR); and
- one member of the general public (HERRERA-FUENTES).

Members serve four-year terms. The board selects its chair and vice chair. Board members may be selected by the Governor from a list of three to five nominees for each vacancy, submitted by the Oregon Society for Respiratory Care or another professional organization representing respiratory care practitioners or polysomnographic technologists.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 688.820 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The board oversees the practices of respiratory therapists and polysomnographic technologists. The board must:

- establish standards of practice and professional responsibility for persons licensed by the Health Licensing Office; and
- provide for waivers of examinations, grandfathering requirements, and temporary licenses as considered appropriate.

⁴ [ORS 688.830 \(2023\)](#).



Respiratory Therapist and Polysomnographic Technologist Licensing Board

Agency: **Health Licensing Office**

Authorization: **ORS 688.820 & .825**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Derek Fultz**

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Health Licensing Office

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Current Appointments

Mr Erickson, Michael "Mike" D RRT

Respiratory Care Practitioner

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **6/1/2021 - 5/31/2025**

Burton, Richard II

Licensed Respiratory Therapist

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 2/15/2028**

Dr Lefor, Michael J MD

Qualified Medical Director For Polysomnography or
Respiratory Care

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **3/1/2016 - 2/28/2020**
3/1/2012 - 2/29/2016

Freimark, Lori

Respiratory Care Therapist

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **6/10/2022 - 11/30/2023**

Herrera-Fuentes, Pablo A

Public Member

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023**

Mr Easbey, Mark A

Polysomnographic Tech

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023**

Mr Espinoza, Jacob

Polysomnographer

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **3/1/2020 - 2/29/2024**
9/26/2016 - 2/29/2020

Vacant Positions