

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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STATE BOARD OF LICENSED SOCIAL WORKERS

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the State Board of Licensed Social Workers subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Paddy Farr of Eugene

Term

February 16, 2024 – June 30, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 675.590 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven Oregon residents and includes:

- three licensed clinical social workers (ASHTON-WILLIAMS, **FARR**, WILSON);
- one licensed baccalaureate social worker, a licensed master's social worker, or a certified clinical social work associate (JANSSEN); and
- three public members with interest in clinical social work, who are not regulated social workers or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a regulated social worker (FANT, MANRIQUEZ, VACANT).

Regulated social workers are appointed from lists of nominees submitted by relevant professional organizations. Members serve four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. A member is removed if they fail to maintain appointment criteria or have three consecutive unexcused absences.

Duties⁴

The board regulates the practice of clinical social work. The board must:

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 675.590 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 675.510 to 675.600 \(2023\)](#).

- administer licensing for regulated social workers;
- adopt rules for the administration of specified laws;
- establish and collect specified fees;
- formulate and enforce a code of professional conduct;
- annually publish a list of authorized regulated social workers;
- establish a voluntary arbitration procedure to resolve disputes between clients and workers; and
- report to the Legislative Assembly on its activities regarding authorizations to practice regulated social work during the preceding biennium.

The board may:

- authorize temporary licensure;
- establish written exam requirements and continuing education requirements;
- impose specified sanctions on regulated social workers;
- investigate alleged violations;
- issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses, take testimony, administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses, conduct hearings, and require the production of relevant documents in all proceedings pertaining to the duties and powers of the board; and
- require the fingerprints of specified persons.



Social Workers, State Board of Licensed

Agency: **Health Authority, Oregon**

Authorization: **ORS 675.590**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Human Services**

Board Admin: **Ray Miller**

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Current Appointments

Farr, Paddy

Licensed Social Worker

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 6/30/2027

Janssen, Melissa "Mollie" C

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027

9/23/2019 - 6/30/2023

Wilson, Scott

Clinical Social Work Associate, Licensed Masters Social Worker, or Registered Baccalaureate Social Worker

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027

Ms Manriquez, Stephanie L

Public Member

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025

11/17/2017 - 6/30/2021

Ashton-Williams, Amy

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026

Mr Fant, John L Jr

Public Member

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024

3/15/2017 - 6/30/2020

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
7	Ms Dennis, Brenda L	Governor	7/1/2019	6/30/2023
7	Ms Dennis, Brenda L	Governor	7/1/2015	6/30/2019
7	Ms Dennis, Brenda L	Governor	6/1/2014	6/30/2015
7	Ms Custer, Kittee	Governor	12/1/2011	6/30/2015
7	Mr Troseth, Mark P	Governor	7/1/2006	6/30/2010