

# 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 MEDICAL BOARD

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Medical Board subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointees

Ileana Esquivel of Portland  
Joan Kapowich of Lake Oswego

### Reappointees

Eric Evans of Hillsboro  
Paula Lee-Valkov of The Dalles

### Terms

Esquivel: February 16, 2024 – February 28, 2025  
Evans: March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2027  
Kapowich: March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2027  
Lee-Valkov: March 1, 2024 – February 28, 2027

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 677.235 \(2023\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The board consists of 14 Oregon residents, including:<sup>4</sup>

- six Doctors of Medicine (AZAR, COOK, DAOUD, ESHRAGHI, **LEE-VALKOV**, TAKSALI);
- two Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (POULSEN, SHAW-BRAEM);
- one Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (**EVANS**);
- two licensed physician assistants (CRAMER, **ESQUIVEL**); and

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 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 677.235 \(2023\)](#).

- three public members representing health consumers (BLASI, **KAPOWICH**, MAGEEHON).

Members serve three-year terms. The physicians and physician assistants may be selected from a list of candidates submitted by specific professional organizations and must have been in the active practice for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment. A public member may not be otherwise eligible for appointment. The spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling of a public member may not be a licensed health care professional in this state.

The board annually elects a chair, vice chair, and secretary. The board must meet at least twice each year for the examination of applicants for licenses.<sup>5</sup>

## Duties

The board's mission is to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of Oregonians by regulating the practice of medicine in a manner that promotes access to quality care.<sup>6</sup> The board must:<sup>7</sup>

- provide notice to practitioners authorized to prescribe opioids or opiates of any guidelines or recommendations established by any association of practitioners whose members are regulated by the board;
- establish the dimension and design for the printing and posting of the signage required for physicians participating in the Medicare assignment program; and
- determine what constitutes medical incompetence, unprofessional conduct, and physical incapacity or impairment.

The board may:<sup>8</sup>

- adopt rules for administration of the board's statutory authority;
- issue, deny, suspend, and revoke licenses and limited licenses; assess costs of proceedings and fines; and place licensees on probation;
- make its personnel and facilities available to other regulatory agencies or entities interested in developing and improving the practice of medicine or podiatry, upon agreed to terms and conditions for reimbursement;
- appoint examiners and employ or contract with entities and persons to prepare examination questions and score examination papers;

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 677.240 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>6</sup> Oregon Medical Board, *Agency Overview and Mission*, <https://www.oregon.gov/omb/board/about/Pages/about-us-overview.aspx> (last visited January 24, 2024).

<sup>7</sup> [ORS 677.092 to 677.837 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>8</sup> [ORS 677.089 to 677.837 \(2023\)](#).



- determine schools, colleges, universities, institutions, and training for licensing;
- prescribe the time, place, method, manner, scope, and subjects of examinations;
- prescribe forms and require licensure applicants to submit photographs, relevant personal history, and fingerprints;
- administer oaths, issue notices, and subpoenas, enforce subpoenas, hold hearings, and perform other necessary other acts;
- apply to any circuit court, or judge thereof, to compel obedience if any licensee fails to comply with an order, fails to obey a subpoena, or refuses to testify;
- employ consultants, investigators, and staff to enforce applicable laws;
- maintain a revolving account, not to exceed \$50,000, for receiving and paying pass-through moneys relating to peer review and program administration for the education and rehabilitation of licensees of chemical substance abuse, inappropriate prescribing, and medical competence;
- maintain a petty cash fund in the amount of \$5,000;
- investigate any alleged violation;
- maintain a suit for an injunction against any person practicing medicine without a license;
- investigate evidence that appears to show that a licensee is or may be medically incompetent, guilty of unprofessional or dishonorable conduct, or have a physical incapacity or impairment;
- direct a mental, physical, and/or medical competency examination, and undertake an investigation, to fully inform itself about a licensee's performance or conduct;
- request any medical organization to assist in preparing for, or conducting, any medical competency examination that the board may consider appropriate;
- release information concerning the revocation or restriction of a physician's activities at a licensed health care facility at which that physician holds or has applied for staff privileges or other right to practice medicine or podiatry;
- inspect records of receipt and distribution of prescription drugs; and
- discipline any person licensed, registered, or certified by the board including action against the licensee and assessment of civil penalties.



## Medical Board, Oregon

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 677.235 & .240, HB 2676 (2023)**

Min Members: **14** Max Members: **14**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

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## Current Appointments

**Dr Poulsen, Christoffer "Chris" E**

Osteopathic Physician

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 2/28/2025**

**3/1/2019 - 2/28/2022**

**Cook, David**

Doctor of Medicine

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 2/28/2026**

**Dr Shaw, Jill M DO**

Osteopathic Physician

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **3/1/2023 - 2/28/2026**

**3/1/2020 - 2/28/2023**

**Daoud, Katja**

Doctor of Medicine

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **3/1/2024 - 2/28/2027**

**4/26/2023 - 2/28/2024**

**Dr Lee-Valkov, Paula M MD**

Doctor of Medicine

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **3/1/2024 - 2/28/2027**

**4/19/2021 - 2/29/2024**

**Azar, Robert "Robby"**

Doctor of Medicine

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 2/28/2026**

**Ms Louie, Patrice "Patti" A PhD**

Public Member

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **3/1/2021 - 2/29/2024**

**5/25/2018 - 2/28/2021**

**Kapowich, Joan**

Public Member

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **3/1/2024 - 2/28/2027**

<b>Esquivel, Ileana</b> Physician Assistant Member Position Number: <b>8</b>	Term(s):	<b>2/16/2024 - 2/28/2025</b>
<b>Dr. Eshragi, Niknam</b> Doctor of Medicine, CD 3 Position Number: <b>9</b>	Term(s):	<b>9/28/2022 - 2/28/2025</b>
<b>Dr Taksali, Sudeep</b> Doctor of Medicine Position Number: <b>10</b>	Term(s):	<b>3/1/2022 - 2/28/2025</b> <b>11/19/2021 - 2/28/2022</b>
<b>Blasi, Rae "Sheronne"</b> Public Member Position Number: <b>11</b>	Term(s):	<b>4/26/2023 - 2/28/2026</b>
<b>Dr. Evans, Eric</b> Podiatrist Position Number: <b>12</b>	Term(s):	<b>3/1/2024 - 2/28/2027</b> <b>9/28/2022 - 2/29/2024</b>
<b>Mr Cramer, Erin L</b> Physician Assistant Position Number: <b>13</b>	Term(s):	<b>3/1/2022 - 2/28/2025</b> <b>3/1/2019 - 2/28/2022</b> <b>9/28/2018 - 2/28/2019</b>
<b>Dr Mageehon, Alexandria "Ali" N PhD</b> Public Member Position Number: <b>14</b>	Term(s):	<b>3/1/2023 - 8/28/2026</b> <b>3/1/2020 - 2/28/2023</b>

## Vacant Positions