

Memorandum

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



OREGON STATE BOARD OF NURSING

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon State Board of Nursing subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Marcus Cooksey of Portland
Joni Kalis of Lincoln City
Claire McKinley Yoder of Portland
Linda Stanich of Forest Grove
Olanike Towobola of Adair Village

Terms

February 16, 2024 – December 31, 2026

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 678.140 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of nine Oregon residents, including:⁴

- five registered nurses:
 - one nursing educator (**MCKINLEY YODER**);
 - one nursing administrator (**STANICH**);
 - two nonsupervisory nurses involved in direct patient care (**COOKSEY, TOWOBOLA**); and
 - one nurse practitioner (**DUAN**);
- one licensed practical nurse (**CHAU**);
- one certified nursing assistant (**GREEN**); and
- two public members who are otherwise not eligible for appointment (**HILL, KALIS**).

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2023\)](#) and [ORS 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 678.140 \(2023\)](#).

Members serve three-year terms. The board elects annually a president, president-elect, and a secretary. The nurses may be selected from a list of nominees from related professional organizations. They must be currently licensed, in good standing, and have at least five years' experience, three of which were immediately prior to appointment. Public members and any person who is a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a public member may not be licensed by the board.

Duties⁵

The board regulates the practice of nursing. The board must:

- exercise general supervision over the practice of nursing in this state;
- administer licensing, including setting applicant qualifications and curriculum and training standards, and approving nurse education programs, examinations, and scope of practice;
- adopt a seal and necessary rules;
- keep a record of proceedings, licensed persons, and approved schools or programs;
- enforce the related provisions and incur necessary expenses;
- enter into specified interagency agreements;
- keep a record of all moneys deposited in the Oregon State Board of Nursing Account; and
- upon receipt of a complaint, conduct an investigation.

The board may:

- require applicants, licensees, and certificate holders to provide data concerning nursing employment and education;
- require fingerprints for requesting criminal records checks;
- issue licenses and place licenses in retired status;
- take action against an applicant or licensee, including the denial, suspension, or revocation of a license, or placing a licensee on probation, for specified causes;
- order mental health, physical condition, or chemical dependency evaluations during a performance or conduct investigation;
- adopt rules for the administration of specified statutory duties; and
- issue subpoenas for any records relevant to a board investigation, compel the attendance of witnesses, and administer oaths or affirmations to persons giving testimony during an investigation or at hearings.

⁵ [ORS 678.050 to 678.448 \(2023\)](#).



Nursing, Oregon State Board of

Agency: **Semi-Independent**

Authorization: **ORS 678.140**

Min Members: **9** Max Members: **9**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Rachel Prusak**

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Current Appointments

Cooksey, Marcus

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 12/31/2026**

Nonsupervisory; Direct Care

Position Number: **1**

Mrs Horn, Sarah K

Term(s): **1/1/2021 - 12/31/2023**

Nursing Administrator

Position Number: **2**

Stanich, Linda

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 12/31/2026**

Nursing Administrator

Position Number: **2**

Towobola, Olanike

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 12/31/2026**

Nonsupervisory; Direct Care

Position Number: **3**

Duan, Yan "Yvonne"

Term(s): **1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024**

Nurse Practitioner

Position Number: **4**

McKinley Yoder, Claire

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 12/31/2026**

Nursing Educator

Position Number: **5**

Hill, Margaret "Meg"

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 12/31/2025**

Public Member

Position Number: **6**

Green, Aaron M

Term(s): **1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024**

CNA

10/1/2020 - 12/31/2021

Position Number: **7**

Chau, Michelle H

Term(s):

1/1/2022 - 12/31/2024

LPN

1/1/2019 - 12/31/2021

Position Number: **8**

Kalis, Joni

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 12/31/2026

Public Member

Position Number: **9**

Vacant Positions