

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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MECHANICAL BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Mechanical Board, subject to Senate confirmation:¹

New Appointees

Edward Louie of Portland
Kevin Ferguson of Salem

Terms

February 16, 2024 – June 30, 2027

Statutory Authority

[ORS 455.140 and 455.144 \(2023\)](#).

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of ten members, including:⁴

- a plumbing industry representative (SCHEUERMANN);
- a sheet metal and air conditioner contractor (MILLER);
- a municipal mechanical inspector possessing the highest certification issued by the Department of Consumer and Business Services (**FERGUSON**);
- a heating, venting, and air conditioning contractor (HANSEN);
- a heating, venting, and air conditioning installer (FANNING);
- a sheet metal and air conditioner installer (FRAZIER);
- a natural gas company (or other utility) representative (DUELL);
- a building official (ZUK);
- a craftsperson with experience with heat and frost insulation (CAUDLE); and
- a member of the public who is not compensated by any interest represented on the board (**LOUIE**).

¹ [Or. Const. art. III, §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 455.140 and 455.144 \(2023\)](#)

Members serve four-year terms and are limited to two full terms. They may be removed for good cause, including three unexcused absences during any 12-month period. A majority of appointees constitutes a quorum and they must meet at least twice a year in consultation with the Department of Consumer and Business Services (DCBS).

Duties⁵

The board assists the Director of DCBS with administration of the installation code for mechanical devices and equipment. Its duties include:

- consulting with DCBS on the adoption of uniform energy conservation standards and the Reach Code;
- advising DCBS on standards, qualifications, and training for building officials and inspectors;
- making certain findings, prior to DCBS rulemaking, concerning the Mechanical Specialty Code (Code);
- reviewing the Code and making recommendations; approving rules and Code changes; approving technical and scientific facts related to proposed materials, designs, or methods of construction; approving alternative regulatory options for emerging technologies;
- adjudicating appeals of Code violations, building official decisions, and municipal appeals board decisions, and imposing sanctions;
- consulting with DCBS regarding alternative permit and inspection programs, including a statewide permitting and inspection program for minor construction work; and
- selecting two members to serve on the Construction Industry Energy Board.

⁵ [ORS 455.030 \(2023\) to ORS 455.732 \(2023\)](#); ORS 455.895 (2023).



Mechanical Board

Agency: **Consumer & Business Services, Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 455.140 & 144**

Min Members: **10** Max Members: **10**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Labor/Trades**

Board Admin: **Debra Woods**

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Current Appointments

Mr Scheuermann, Gerald "Jed" F

Plumbing Industry

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **7/2/2016 - 7/1/2020**

7/2/2012 - 7/1/2016

Mr Miller, Christopher W

Sheet Metal Contractor

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **7/2/2016 - 7/1/2020**

9/18/2013 - 7/1/2016

Mr Frazier, Derek C

Sheet Metal Installer

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **7/1/2016 - 6/30/2020**

9/20/2012 - 6/30/2016

Mr Hansen, Carsten J

HVAC Contractor

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **12/13/2016 - 12/12/2020**

12/13/2012 - 12/12/2016

Mr Fanning, Eric L

HVAC Installer

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**

7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021

3/1/2014 - 6/30/2017

Duell, Kevin

Natural Gas/Utility

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 6/30/2026**

Mr Zuk, Theodore "Ted" J

Building Official

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022

Ferguson, Kevin

Municipal Mechanical Inspector

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **2/16/2024 - 6/30/2027**

Louie, Edward

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 6/30/2027

Public Member

Position Number: **9**

Mr Caudle, Walter "Walt" R

Term(s):

7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022

Position Number: **10**

Vacant Positions