

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules  
DATE: January 27, 2025  
BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst  
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



## **BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS**

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists subject to Senate confirmation.<sup>1</sup>

### **New Appointees**

Aaron Green of Springfield  
Audrianna Gurr of Portland  
Tara Hare of Redmond

### **Terms**

All appointees: March 1, 2025 – September 30, 2027

### **Appointment/Confirmation Authority**

[ORS 675.775 \(2023\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The board consists of eight members who must be Oregon residents:

- three licensed professional counselors (AYALA, **GURR**, **HARE**);
- two licensed marriage and family therapists (HENRY, REESER);
- one faculty member of a school with professional counselor or marriage and family therapist training programs (NI); and
- two public members with demonstrated interest in professional counseling and marriage and family therapy but who are neither licensed, nor the spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a licensee (**GREEN**, **VACANT**).

Licensed members may be selected from a list of nominees submitted by relevant professional organizations. Members serve three-year terms. A member must be removed immediately if, during the member's term, the member

- is not an Oregon resident;
- has three consecutive unexcused absences from board meetings; or

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

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 675.775 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- is not a licensee, or a retired licensee, whose license was in good standing at the time of retirement, if the member was appointed as a licensee.

The board must meet at least once a year. A majority of members constitutes a quorum. At the first meeting of each year, the board must select its chair and vice chair. Each officer shall have one-year terms.<sup>4</sup>

## **Duties<sup>5</sup>**

The board regulates qualified professional counselors and marriage and family therapists. The board must

- adopt rules and an ethics code for licensees;
- grant licenses, including reciprocal licenses;
- maintain a register of all licensed professional counselors and marriage and family therapists and annually publish a directory of them;
- investigate alleged legal violations and establish procedures for reviewing complaints against licensees;
- biennially report board activities to the Legislative Assembly;
- establish qualifications for practicing professional counseling or marriage and family therapy, including continuing education and supervision;
- require a passing score on competency exams; and
- prescribe, in consultation with the Oregon Board of Psychology, the duties of the Director of the Mental Health Regulatory Agency.

The board may

- prescribe the duties and fix the compensation of board employees;
- adopt and impose fees for administering licenses, registrations, and exams;
- administer oaths, take depositions, defray legal expenses, and issue subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents;
- adopt a seal to be affixed to all licenses;
- set academic and training standards;
- require the fingerprints of specified persons for the purpose of requesting a state or nationwide criminal records check;
- assess civil penalties; and
- commence injunction proceedings in any circuit court to enjoin specified violations.

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<sup>4</sup> [ORS 675.715 to 675.795 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>5</sup> *Id.*



## Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, Oregon Board of

Agency: **None**

Policy Area: **Health**

Authorization: **ORS 675.775**

Board Admin: **Todd Younkin**

Min Members: **8** Max Members: **8**

Address:

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

**3218 Pringle Rd SE, #250**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

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### Current Appointments

**Mr Reeser, Daniel P**

Term(s): **10/1/2023 - 9/30/2027**

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**10/1/2020 - 9/30/2023**

Position Number: **4**

**Ayala, Tom**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 9/30/2027**

Licensed Professional Counselor

Position Number: **1**

**Gurr, Audrianna**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 9/30/2027**

Licensed Professional Therapist

Position Number: **2**

**Hare, Tara**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 9/30/2027**

Licensed Professional Therapist

Position Number: **3**

**Dr. Ni, Chungfan**

Term(s): **10/12/2023 - 9/30/2026**

Faculty

**11/19/2021 - 9/30/2022**

Position Number: **6**

**Henry, Lori**

Term(s): **10/1/2022 - 9/30/2025**

LMFT

Position Number: **5**

**Green, Aaron M**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 9/30/2027**

Public Member

Position Number: **8**

## Vacant Positions

<b>Pos</b>	<b>Former Member</b>	<b>Appointed By</b>	<b>Term Begin</b>	<b>Term End</b>
7	Mr Harman, Charles "Jeff" J LPC	Governor	10/1/2020	9/30/2023
7	Dr Salazar, Beronica PhD	Governor	10/1/2017	9/30/2020
7	Mr Harman, Charles "Jeff" J LPC	Governor	12/17/2018	9/30/2020
7	Mr Querin, Douglas S	Governor	5/1/2013	9/30/2016