

# Memorandum

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



## OREGON BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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

### Reappointees

Aarati Kalluri of Hillsboro  
Sheena Kansal of Lake Oswego

### New Appointee

Kieshawn Lewis of Tigard

### Terms

Kalluri: April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2029  
Kansal: April 19, 2025 – April 18, 2029  
Lewis: April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2029

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 679.230 \(2023\)](#)

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

Not required.

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

The board consists of 10 Oregon residents, including<sup>4</sup>

- six active licensed dentists, with at least one practicing a specialty recognized by the American Dental Association (ALDRICH, CLARK, **KALLURI**, **KANSAL**, SALATHE, SHARIFI);
- two active licensed dental hygienists (LUDWIG, SIMMONS); and
- two public members who are not otherwise eligible for appointment, and who are not a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling of a dentist or dental hygienist (JORGENSEN, **LEWIS**).

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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 679.230 \(2023\)](#).

Members serve four-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor. The active licensed dentists or dental hygienists may be selected from a list of nominees, submitted by the Oregon Dental Association, the Oregon Dental Hygienists' Association, or any professional organization representing a dental specialty.

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

The board is authorized to

- elect a president;
- make disbursements from the Oregon Board of Dentistry Account;
- employ staff for the investigation and enforcement of violations;
- conduct examinations for dentistry and dental hygiene license applicants;
- make and enforce rules necessary for the procedure of the board, for the conduct of examinations, for regulating the practice of dentistry, and for regulating the services of dental hygienists and dental auxiliary personnel;
- initiate and conduct investigations and hearings on all matters relating to the practice of dentistry, the discipline of licensees, or to the enforcement of provisions; and
- appoint a consultant or committee(s) to study and report to the board the condition of, and dental treatment rendered to, any person(s) by any licensed dentist(s) or by any person purporting to practice dentistry in Oregon.

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 679.250 to 679.323 \(2023\)](#).



## Dentistry, Oregon Board of

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 679.230**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Stephen Prisby**

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## Current Appointments

**Dr Kansal, Sheena K**

Dentist - Specialist (Pediatric Dentistry)

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **4/19/2025 - 4/18/2029**

**4/19/2021 - 4/18/2025**

**Ludwig, Sharity**

Dentist - Hygienist

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **6/10/2022 - 4/3/2026**

**Dr Sharifi, Reza J**

Dentist (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon)

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **5/15/2023 - 5/14/2027**

**5/15/2019 - 5/14/2023**

**Simmons, Kristen**

Dentist - Hygienist

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **4/1/2024 - 3/31/2028**

**Dr Kalluri, Aarati**

Dentist

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **4/1/2025 - 3/31/2029**

**4/1/2021 - 3/31/2025**

**3/1/2021 - 3/31/2021**

**Salathe, Olesya**

Dentist

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **4/2/2024 - 4/1/2028**

**Mr Dunn, Charles "Chip" W**

Public Member

Position Number: **9**

Term(s): **4/1/2021 - 3/31/2025**

**5/3/2017 - 4/2/2021**

**Clark, Terrence**

Dentist

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **6/10/2022 - 4/3/2026**

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**Aldrich, Michelle**

Term(s):

**6/10/2022 - 4/3/2026**

Dentist

Position Number: **8**

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**Lewis, Kieshawn**

Term(s):

**4/1/2025 - 3/31/2029**

Public Member

Position Number: **9**

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**Jorgensen, Ginny**

Term(s):

**4/7/2024 - 4/6/2028**

Public Member

Position Number: **10**

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## Vacant Positions

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