

Memorandum

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



ELECTRICAL AND ELEVATOR BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Electrical and Elevator Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Lawrence Arnbrister of Beaverton

Reappointee

William Barlow of McMinnville

Terms

Arnbrister: March 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028

Barlow: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2026

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 455.144 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of 15 members:

- a fire and casualty underwriter (VACANT);
- an industrial plants representative regularly employing licensed electricians (ALBRITTON);
- one power and light industry representatives (SPENCER);
- an electrical equipment supplier who otherwise qualifies by experience in the industry (SCHACHER);
- an elevator manufacturer (MCNEILL);
- one electrical equipment manufacturing industry representative who otherwise qualifies by experience and training in electricity (**BARLOW**);
- two journeyman electricians (FLEGEL, CURRIE);

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 455.138 and 455.144 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

- an electrical inspector (SONNABEND);
- two electrical contractors (KYLE, RICHARDS);
- a municipal building official (BUNGA);
- a journeyman elevator installer (LARZALERE);
- an owner or manager of a commercial office building (RUDDER); and
- a public member who does not receive compensation from any interest represented on the board (**ARNBRISTER**).

Members serve four-year terms and may not serve more than two full terms. The board selects its chair and vice chair. The board must meet at least four times per year.⁴

Duties

The board assists the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services in administering the state electrical and elevator programs.⁵ The board must⁶

- administer and enforce the state’s Electrical Safety Law;
- select two members to serve on the Construction Industry Energy Board;
- review amendments to the electrical provisions of the Low-Rise Residential Dwelling Code;
- receive, review, and make determinations on appeals; and
- adopt and administer standards for the delegation of a municipal electrical inspection program.

The board may also⁷

- adopt rules to administer the licensing, certification, or registration of persons regulated by the Electrical Safety Law;
- deny a license, certificate, registration, or application; or suspend, revoke, condition, or refuse to renew a license, certificate, or registration if the board makes specified findings;
- adopt specified exemptions from the license, permit, and product registration requirements of the Electrical Safety Law; and
- impose civil penalties for specified violations.

⁴ [ORS 455.146 \(2023\)](#).

⁵ [ORS 455.138 \(2023\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 455.492 to 455.610 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 479.540 to 479.945 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 460.125 \(2023\)](#).

⁷ [ORS 455.117 to 455.895 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 479.540 to 479.995 \(2023\)](#).



Electrical and Elevator Board

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

Authorization: **ORS 455.138**

Min Members: **15** Max Members: **15**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Labor/Trades**

Board Admin: **Debi Woods**

Address:

Building Codes Division

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Salem, OR 97309-0404

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Current Appointments

Mr Kyle, Thomas "Tom" R

Electrical Contractor

Position Number: **10**

Term(s):

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025

9/25/2017 - 6/30/2021

Albritton, David

Industrial Plant Rep

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

6/5/2024 - 6/30/2025

Mr Flegel, Jon

Journeyman Electrician

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025

11/17/2017 - 6/30/2021

Spencer, Kenneth

Power and Light Industry Rep

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025

Schacher, Al

Electrical equipment supplier who otherwise qualifies by experience in the industry

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026

Mr McNeill, Robert "Rob" L

Elevator Manufacturing Rep

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027

7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023

Mr Barlow, William "BJ" E III

Electrical Equipment Manufacturer

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026

5/15/2019 - 6/30/2022

Mr Richards, Ryan E

Electrical Contractor

Position Number: **11**

Term(s):

7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027

7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023

12/17/2018 - 6/30/2019

Currie, Sara E Term(s): **11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025**
Journeyman Electrician
Position Number: **8**

Sonnabend, Frank Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 6/30/2026**
Electrical Inspector
Position Number: **9**

Ms Bunga, Elizabeth J Term(s): **7/1/2025 - 6/30/2029**
Building Official **7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025**
Position Number: **12** **10/1/2020 - 6/30/2021**

Larzalere, Robert Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 6/30/2025**
Journeyman Elevator Installer
Position Number: **13**

Mr Rudder, Richard E Term(s): **11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025**
Commercial Building Manager/Owner
Position Number: **14**

Arnbrister, Lawrence Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 6/30/2028**
Public Member
Position Number: **15**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
1	Mr Palmrose, Vernon "Vern" G	Governor	12/19/2016	6/30/2020
1	Mr Johnston, James G	Governor	7/1/2009	6/30/2013
1	Mr Johnston, James G	Governor	7/1/2005	6/30/2009
1	Mr Johnston, James G	Governor	2/1/2002	6/30/2005
1	Mr Donaldson, Jack L	Governor	7/1/1997	6/30/2001
1	Mr Donaldson, Jack L	Governor	3/1/1994	6/30/1997