

# Memorandum

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



## OREGON STATE BOARD OF NURSING

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

### New Appointees

Rachel Dennis of Springfield  
Rachel Mitzel of Powell Butte  
Felipa Nesta of Happy Valley

### Terms

All appointees: March 1, 2025 – December 31, 2027

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

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

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

Not required.

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

The board consists of nine Oregon residents:<sup>4</sup>

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

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

<sup>4</sup> [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.

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

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.

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 678.050 to 678.448 \(2023\)](#).



# Nursing, Oregon State Board of

Agency: **Other**

Authorization: **ORS 678.140**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

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## Current Appointments

**McKinley Yoder, Claire**

RN - Nursing Educator

Position Number: **1**

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

**Stanich, Linda**

RN - Nursing Administrator

Position Number: **2**

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

**Towobola, Olanike**

RN - Nonsupervisory; Direct Care

Position Number: **3**

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

**Mitzel, Rachel**

RN - Nonsupervisory; Direct Care

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 12/31/2027**

**Cooksey, Marcus**

RN - Nurse Practitioner

Position Number: **5**

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

**Nesta, Felipa**

LPN

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 12/31/2027**

**Dennis, Rachel**

CNA

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 12/31/2027**

**Hill, Margaret "Meg"**

Public Member

Position Number: **8**

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

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**Kalis, Joni**

Term(s):

**2/16/2024 - 12/31/2025**

Public Member

Position Number: **9**

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## Vacant Positions

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