

Memorandum

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



PSYCHIATRIC SECURITY REVIEW BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Psychiatric Security Review Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Khara Kerns of Beaverton

Reappointee

Julie Duke of Portland

Term

Duke: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029
Kearns: March 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 161.385 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Statutory Requirements³

The board consists of 10 members, including a five-member panel with experience service adults, and a five-member panel with experience serving juveniles, which entail:

- a psychiatrist in the criminal justice system (REICHLIN);
- a licensed psychologist in the criminal justice system (KENNEY);
- a person with substantial parole and probation experience (**KERNS**);
- a lawyer with substantial criminal trial practice experience (NICHOL);
- a certified, or eligible to be certified, child psychiatrist (NEWMAN);
- a licensed child psychologist (VACANT);
- a person with juvenile parole and probation experience (CASEBIER);
- a lawyer with substantial juvenile law experience (CHILDS); and
- two members of the general public (BOYD, **DUKE**).

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 161.385 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

The board may not include a district attorney, deputy district attorney, or public defender. The psychiatrists and psychologists must not otherwise be employed on a full-time basis by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) or a community mental health program.

Members serve four-year terms, are eligible for reappointment, and may be removed by the Governor for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. Each panel selects its chair to serve for a one-year term. A majority of the voting members of a panel constitutes a quorum. Each panel must meet at least twice every month, unless the chair determines that there is not sufficient business to warrant a meeting.

Duties⁴

A criminal defendant who is found guilty except for insanity may be placed under the jurisdiction of the board. The board ensures persons under its jurisdiction receive the necessary services and support to reduce the risk of future dangerous behavior using recognized principles of risk assessment, victims' interests, and person-centered care.

The board must

- adjudicate the discharge, conditional release, or commitment modification of individuals placed in its jurisdiction;
- provide notice of hearings and orders, conditional release, discharge, or escape to specified parties and afford those parties an opportunity to be heard;
- maintain medical, social, and criminal histories of all committed persons; and
- consult with OHA on the certification of psychiatrists and licensed psychologists for the evaluation of a defendant on the issue of insanity.

⁴ [ORS 161.326 to 161.398 \(2023\)](#).



Psychiatric Security Review Board

Agency: **Other**

Authorization: **ORS 161.385**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Behavioral Health**

Board Admin: **Alison Bort**

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Current Appointments

Dr Reichlin, Scott M MD

Forensic Psychiatrist (Adult Panel)

Position Number: **1**

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

6/1/2017 - 6/30/2021

5/22/2015 - 5/31/2017

Kenney, Jeremy "Wilson" W PhD

Psychologist

Position Number: **2**

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

Kerns, Khara

Parole/Probation Member

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 6/30/2028**

Ms Nichol, Anne L

Attorney (Adult Panel)

Position Number: **4**

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

7/1/2017 - 6/30/2021

Dr Newman, Stewart S

Psychiatrist (Juvenile Panel)

Position Number: **5**

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

Casebier, Karey

Parole and Probation (Juvenile Panel)

Position Number: **7**

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

Childs, Marisha

Attorney (Juvenile Panel)

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025**

Ms Duke, Julie B

Public Member

Position Number: **9**

Term(s): **7/1/2025 - 6/30/2029**

11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025

Boyd, Cari C

Term(s):

11/19/2021 - 6/30/2025

Public Member; Juvenile Panel

Position Number: **10**

Vacant Positions

Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
6	Dr Garner, Bennett W MD	Governor	3/15/2017	6/30/2020
6	Dr McKelvey, Robert S	Governor	1/2/2013	1/1/2017
6	Dr McKelvey, Robert S	Governor	1/2/2009	1/1/2013
6	Dr McKelvey, Robert S	Governor	1/1/2007	1/1/2009