

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: April 10, 2025
BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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OREGON BOARD OF NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Board of Naturopathic Medicine subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Shehab El-Hashemy of Eugene

Reappointee

Kate Watkinson-Wright of Oregon City

Terms

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 685.160 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven Oregon residents:⁴

- five naturopathic physicians (**EL-HASHEMY**, LARIVEE, MARTIN, MINARIK, ROBLES-HERNANDEZ); and
- two public members who are not naturopathic physicians or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a naturopathic physician (LUPER, **WATKINSON-WRIGHT**).

The naturopathic physicians may be selected from a list of nominees submitted by professional organizations. They must have each practiced continuously in Oregon for the five years immediately prior to the date of appointment.

Members serve three-year terms and are eligible for reappointment, limited to two consecutive full terms. A member must be removed immediately if they fail to retain

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

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

⁴ [ORS 685.160 \(2023\)](#).

qualifications for appointment or have three consecutive unexcused absences. The board annually elects its chair.⁵

Duties⁶

The board licenses and regulates naturopathic physicians. The board must

- administer licenses for naturopathic physicians,
- adopt and assess fees for specified services,
- when proposing discipline, give opportunity for an administrative hearing, and
- appoint a member to the Council on Naturopathic Physicians Formulary.

⁵ [ORS 685.170 \(2023\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 685.106 to 685.990 \(2023\)](#).



Naturopathic Medicine, Oregon Board of

Agency: **Semi-Independent**

Authorization: **ORS 685.160**

Min Members: **7** Max Members: **7**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Mary-Beth Baptista**

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Current Appointments

Larivee, Meghan

Naturopath

Position Number: **1**

Term(s):

7/1/2024 - 6/30/2027

11/19/2021 - 6/30/2024

Robles Hernandez, Zia

Naturopath

Position Number: **2**

Term(s):

9/28/2022 - 9/27/2025

Dr Walter, Timothy "Bill" O

Naturopath

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

7/1/2022 - 6/30/2025

7/1/2019 - 6/30/2022

El-Hashemy, Shehab

Naturopathic Doctor

Position Number: **3**

Term(s):

7/1/2025 - 6/30/2028

Minarik, Ryan

Naturopath

Position Number: **4**

Term(s):

7/1/2024 - 6/30/2027

11/19/2021 - 6/30/2024

Dr. Martin, Ryan

Naturopath

Position Number: **5**

Term(s):

9/28/2022 - 9/27/2025

Luper, Josh

Public Member

Position Number: **6**

Term(s):

2/16/2024 - 2/15/2027

Watkins-Wright, Katherine "Kate"

Public Member

Position Number: **7**

Term(s):

7/1/2025 - 6/30/2028

10/5/2023 - 6/30/2025

Vacant Positions