

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Interim Committee on Rules
and Executive Appointments

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BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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HEALTH EVIDENCE REVIEW COMMISSION

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Health Evidence Review Commission subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Jeff Fortner of Portland (will replace Irwin at the end of the year)
Matthew Serres of Portland

Re-appointee

Stacy Geisler of Lake Oswego

Terms

Fortner: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2029

Geisler: December 13, 2025 – December 12, 2029

Serres: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 414.688 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The commission consists of 13 members:⁴

- five licensed physicians with clinical expertise in family medicine, internal medicine, obstetrics, perinatal health, pediatrics, disabilities, geriatrics, or general surgery (HOFFMAN, KAISER, KANSAGARA, LYON, SCHABEL);
 - one must be an osteopathic doctor (KAISER); and
 - one must be a hospital representative or physician whose practice is significantly hospital-based (KANSAGARA);

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2023\)](#) and [ORS 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 414.688 \(2023\)](#).

- one licensed dentist with clinical expertise in general, pediatric, or public health dentistry (**GEISLER**);
- one public health nurse (**PINZON**);
- one behavioral health representative who may be a social services worker, alcohol and drug treatment provider, psychologist, or psychiatrist (**LINDSEY**);
- two health care consumers who are patient advocates or represent the areas of indigent services, labor, business, education, or corrections (**COLLINS, SERRES**);
- one complementary or alternative medicine provider who is a licensed chiropractic physician, naturopathic physician, or acupuncturist (**KOUZES**);
- one insurance industry representative who may be a medical director or other administrator (**BUCHHOLZ**); and
- one pharmacy representative from a retail drug outlet (**FORTNER (IRWIN)**).

No more than six members may be physicians, either in active practice or retired. Members serve four-year terms. The commission selects its chair and vice chair.⁵

Duties⁶

The commission develops and maintains a prioritized list of health services which are reported to the Oregon Health Authority, Legislative Assembly, and the Governor. In completing this work, the commission must:

- regularly solicit testimony and information from stakeholders representing consumers, advocates, providers, carriers, and employers in conducting the work of the commission;
- actively solicit public involvement through a public meeting process to guide health resource allocation decisions;
- consider both the clinical effectiveness and cost effectiveness of health services, including drug therapies, in determining their relative importance using peer-reviewed medical literature;
- develop and administer a medical technology assessment process to evaluate the effectiveness of research of medical technologies; and
- consult with an advisory committee in determining priorities for mental health care and chemical dependency.

⁵ [ORS 414.689 \(2023\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 414.690 to 414.704 \(2023\)](#).



Health Evidence Review Commission

Agency: **Health Authority, Oregon**

Authorization: **ORS 414.688**

Min Members: **13** Max Members: **13**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **None**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Jason Gingerich**

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Current Appointments

Dr. Lyon, Lawrence

Physician

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **11/1/2023 - 10/31/2027**

DO Kaiser, Maximilian "Max" S

Physician (Osteopathic Doctor)

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **1/1/2024 - 12/31/2027**

1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023

Dr Hoffman, Benjamin "Ben" D

Physician (Pediatrics)

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **3/1/2022 - 2/28/2026**

Dr Schabel, Kathryn "Kate" LS

Physician

Position Number: **4**

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

5/15/2019 - 5/14/2023

Dr Kansagara, Devan L

Physician (Hospital Rep or Hospital-Based Practice)

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **1/1/2023 - 12/31/2026**

1/1/2019 - 12/31/2022

9/25/2017 - 12/31/2018

Geisler, Stacy

Dentist

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **12/13/2025 - 12/12/2029**

1/1/2022 - 12/12/2025

Pinzon, Cristina "Cris" B

Public Health Nurse

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **3/15/2025 - 3/14/2029**

3/15/2021 - 3/14/2025

Dr Lindsey, Lynnea PhD

Behavioral Health Rep

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025**

1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021

9/25/2017 - 12/31/2017

Mr Collins, Michael "Mike" J	Term(s):	1/1/2024 - 12/31/2027
Consumer Representative		1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023
Position Number: 9		
Mr Serres, Matthew "Matt" E JD	Term(s):	10/1/2025 - 9/30/2029
Consumer Rep		
Position Number: 10		
Dr Kouzes, Lisa A DC	Term(s):	2/17/2024 - 2/16/2028
Complementary and Alternative Medicine		
Position Number: 11		
Dr Irwin, Adriane N	Term(s):	1/1/2022 - 12/31/2025
Pharmacist		1/1/2018 - 12/31/2021
Position Number: 13		
Buchholz, Mark	Term(s):	2/17/2024 - 2/16/2028
CCO/Insurance Rep		
Position Number: 12		
Fortner, Jeff	Term(s):	1/1/2026 - 12/31/2029
Retail Pharmacist		
Position Number: 13		

Vacant Positions