

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Interim Committee on Rules
and Executive Appointments

DATE: September 12, 2025

BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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OREGON HEALTH AND SCIENCE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) Board of Directors subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Chris Abbruzzese of Portland

Betsy Johnson of Scappoose

Sadhana Shenoy of Portland

Re-appointees

Susan King of Portland

Susie Steward of Roseburg

Terms

October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 353.040 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Required.

Composition³

The board consists of 11 U.S. citizens:

- seven individuals with experience related to the university's missions or to its success, including higher education, health care, scientific research, engineering and technology, and economic and business development (**ABBRUZZESE, CARLSON, HURLEY BRASWELL, JOHNSON, KING, SHENOY, STEWARD**);
- one enrolled student (SEALS);
- one faculty member (RODRIGUEZ);
- one nonfaculty staff (IRVAN); and
- the university president, *ex officio* (ELNAHAL).

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 353.040 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

The student, faculty, and nonfaculty staff members serve two-year terms; other members, excluding the president, serve four-year terms. All positions are eligible for one reappointment. Terms begin October 1. The board nominates candidates upon a vacancy. Student government shall submit a list of nominees to the Governor for consideration for the student member. The Governor may remove any member for cause, after notice and public hearing, but not more than three members within four years, unless for corrupt conduct in office.

The board selects its chair and vice chair. The board must adopt bylaws concerning how a quorum is constituted and when it is necessary. The board must meet at least once every three months.

Duties⁴

OHSU is designated to carry out the following public purposes and missions:

- provide high quality educational programs appropriate for a health and science university;
- conduct research in health care, engineering, biomedical, and general sciences;
- engage in inpatient and outpatient clinical care and health care delivery systems;
- provide outreach programs in education, research, and health care;
- serve as a local, regional, and statewide resource for health care providers; and
- provide health care to the underserved patient population of Oregon.

The board exercises all the powers of OHSU and must:

- appoint and supervise a university president;
- adopt rules; and
- adopt a policy that prescribes the requirements for a venture grant program.

⁴ [ORS 353.030 to 353.445 \(2023\)](#).



Health and Science University Board of Directors, Oregon

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 353.040**

Min Members: **9** Max Members: **11**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Connie Seeley**

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Current Appointments

Ms King, Susan E RN

At-Large

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **10/1/2025 - 9/30/2029**

3/1/2022 - 9/30/2025

Ms Beyer, Ruth A

At-Large

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **10/1/2021 - 9/30/2025**

10/1/2017 - 9/30/2021

Johnson, Elizabeth "Betsy"

At-Large

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **10/1/2025 - 9/30/2029**

Mr. Carlson, James "Jim" A

At-Large

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 9/30/2028**

5/14/2021 - 9/30/2024

Steward, Susie

At-Large

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **10/1/2025 - 9/30/2029**

11/19/2021 - 9/30/2025

Mr Paulson, Chad E

At-Large

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **10/1/2021 - 9/30/2025**

2/14/2018 - 9/30/2021

Ms Shenoy, Sadhana

At-Large

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **10/1/2025 - 9/30/2029**

Mr Zika, Steven "Steve"

At-Large

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **10/1/2021 - 9/30/2025**

11/17/2017 - 9/30/2021

Abbruzzese, Chris	Term(s):	10/1/2025 - 9/30/2029
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At-Large

Position Number: **6**

Hurley Braswell, Justin	Term(s):	3/1/2025 - 9/30/2028
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At-Large

Position Number: **7**

Seals, Malik	Term(s):	6/1/2025 - 9/30/2026
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Student

Position Number: **8**

Dr Rodriguez, Maria I	Term(s):	10/1/2024 - 9/30/2026
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Faculty

Position Number: **9**

Irvan, Claire	Term(s):	10/1/2024 - 9/30/2026
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Non-faculty Staff

Position Number: **10**

Dr. Elnahal, Shereef	Term(s):	-
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President - Ex. Officio

Position Number: **11**

Vacant Positions
