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



BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Board of Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists subject to Senate confirmation.¹

Re-appointee

Lori Henry of Portland

Term

October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

ORS 675.775 (2023)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of eight members who must be Oregon residents:

- three licensed professional counselors (AYALA, GURR, HARE);
- two licensed marriage and family therapists (HENRY, REESER);
- one faculty member of a school with professional counselor or marriage and family therapist training programs (NI); and
- two public members with demonstrated interest in professional counseling and marriage and family therapy but who are neither licensed, nor the spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a licensee (GREEN, VACANT).

Licensed members may be selected from a list of nominees submitted by relevant professional organizations. Members serve three-year terms. A member must be removed immediately if, during the member's term, the member:

- is not an Oregon resident;
- has three consecutive unexcused absences from board meetings; or
- is not a licensee, or a retired licensee, whose license was in good standing at the time of retirement, if the member was appointed as a licensee.

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

² ORS 244.050 (2023).

³ ORS 675.775 (2023); ORS 182.100 (2023) for affirmative action policy; ORS 236.115 (2023) for diversity criteria.

The board must meet at least once a year. A majority of members constitutes a quorum. At the first meeting of each year, the board must select its chair and vice chair. Each officer shall have one-year terms.⁴

Duties⁵

The board regulates qualified professional counselors and marriage and family therapists. The board must:

- adopt rules and an ethics code for licensees;
- grant licenses, including reciprocal licenses;
- maintain a register of all licensed professional counselors and marriage and family therapists and annually publish a directory of them;
- investigate alleged legal violations and establish procedures for reviewing complaints against licensees;
- biennially report board activities to the Legislative Assembly;
- establish qualifications for practicing professional counseling or marriage and family therapy, including continuing education and supervision;
- require a passing score on competency exams; and
- prescribe, in consultation with the Oregon Board of Psychology, the duties of the Director of the Mental Health Regulatory Agency.

⁵ ld.



⁴ ORS 675.715 to 675.795 (2023).

Licensed Professional Counselors and Therapists, Oregon Board of

Agency: None

Authorization: ORS 675.775

Min Members: 8 Max Members: 8

Term Length: 3 Term Limit: 2

Senate Confirmation Required?: Yes

Policy Area: Health

Board Admin: Todd Younkin

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Current Appointments

Mr Reeser, Daniel P

LMFT

Position Number: 4

Term(s):

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10/1/2023 - 9/30/2027

10/1/2020 - 9/30/2023

10/5/2023 - 9/30/2027

Ayala, Tom

Licensed Professional Counselor

Position Number: 1

Gurr, Audrianna

Term(s):

3/1/2025 - 9/30/2027

Licensed Professional Counselor

Position Number: 2

Hare, Tara

Licensed Professional Counselor

Position Number: 3

Dr. Ni, Chungfan

Term(s):

10/12/2023 - 9/30/2026

3/1/2025 - 9/30/2027

Faculty

Position Number: 6

Term(s):

11/19/2021 - 9/30/2022

Term(s): 10/1/2025 - 9/30/2028

Henry, Lori

LMFT

10/1/2022 - 9/30/2025

Position Number: 5

Green, Aaron M

Term(s):

3/1/2025 - 9/30/2027

Public Member

Position Number: 8

Vacant Positions				
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
7	Mr Harman, Charles "Jeff" J LPC	Governor	10/1/2020	9/30/2023
7	Dr Salazar, Beronica PhD	Governor	10/1/2017	9/30/2020
7	Mr Harman, Charles "Jeff" J LPC	Governor	12/17/2018	9/30/2020
7	Mr Querin, Douglas S	Governor	5/1/2013	9/30/2016