

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 MEDICAL BOARD

The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Oregon Medical Board subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointees

Amy Dourgarian of Salem

Nicole Hough of Bend

Re-appointees

Nicole Hough of Bend

Terms

Dourgarian: October 1, 2025 – February 28, 2027

Hough: October 1, 2025 – February 28, 2026

Hough: March 1, 2026 – February 28, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 677.235 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of 14 Oregon residents:⁴

- six Doctors of Medicine (AZAR, COOK, DAOUD, **DOURGARIAN**, ESHRAGHI, TAKSALI);
- two Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (GUNDERSON, SHAW);
- one Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (EVANS);
- two licensed physician assistants (ESQUIVEL, PARRISH); and
- three public members representing health consumers (BLASI, **HOUGH**, KAPOWICH).

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2023\)](#), [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 677.235 \(2023\)](#).

Members serve three-year terms. The physicians and physician assistants may be selected from a list of candidates submitted by specific professional organizations and must have been in the active practice for at least five years immediately preceding their appointment. A public member may not be otherwise eligible for appointment. The spouse, domestic partner, child, parent or sibling of a public member may not be a licensed health care professional in this state.

The board annually elects a chair, vice chair, and secretary. The board must meet at least twice each year for the examination of applicants for licenses.⁵

Duties⁶

The board's mission is to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of Oregonians by regulating the practice of medicine in a manner that promotes access to quality care.⁷

The board must:

- provide notice to practitioners authorized to prescribe opioids or opiates of any guidelines or recommendations established by any association of practitioners whose members are regulated by the board;
- establish the dimension and design for the printing and posting of the signage required for physicians participating in the Medicare assignment program; and
- determine what constitutes medical incompetence, unprofessional conduct, and physical incapacity or impairment.

⁵ [ORS 677.240 \(2023\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 677.092 to 677.837 \(2023\)](#).

⁷ Oregon Medical Board, *Agency Overview and Mission*, <https://www.oregon.gov/omb/board/about/Pages/about-us-overview.aspx> (last visited September 9, 2025).



Medical Board, Oregon

Agency: **None**

Authorization: **ORS 677.235**

Min Members: **14** Max Members: **14**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Nicole Krishnaswami**

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Current Appointments

Dr. Eshragi, Niknam

Doctor of Medicine

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 2/28/2025**

Cook, David

Doctor of Medicine

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 2/28/2026**

Dr Shaw, Jill M DO

Osteopathic Physician

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **3/1/2023 - 2/28/2026**
3/1/2020 - 2/28/2023

Dr Taksali, Sudeep

Doctor of Medicine

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 2/28/2028**
3/1/2022 - 2/28/2025
11/19/2021 - 2/28/2022

Daoud, Katja

Doctor of Medicine

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **3/1/2024 - 2/28/2027**
4/26/2023 - 2/28/2024

Dougarian, Amy

Doctor of Medicine

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **10/1/2025 - 2/28/2027**

Azar, Robert "Robby"

Doctor of Medicine

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **4/26/2023 - 2/28/2026**

Gunderson, Seth

Osteopathic Physician

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 2/28/2028**

Dr. Evans, Eric Podiatrist Position Number: 9	Term(s): 3/1/2024 - 2/28/2027 9/28/2022 - 2/29/2024
Esquivel, Ileana Physician Associate Member Position Number: 10	Term(s): 3/1/2025 - 2/28/2028 2/16/2024 - 2/28/2025
Parrish, Melonie Physician Associate Member (CD2) Position Number: 11	Term(s): 3/1/2025 - 2/28/2028
Blasi, Rae "Sheronne" Public Member Position Number: 12	Term(s): 4/26/2023 - 2/28/2026
Kapowich, Joan Public Member Position Number: 13	Term(s): 3/1/2024 - 2/28/2027
Hough, Nicole Public Member Position Number: 14	Term(s): 3/1/2026 - 2/28/2029 10/1/2025 - 2/28/2026

Vacant Positions