

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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STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPISTS

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the State Board of Massage Therapists subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Danika Tkacik of Sandy

Re-appointee

Danika Tkacik of Sandy

Terms

October 1, 2025 – February 16, 2026

February 17, 2026 – February 16, 2030

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 687.115 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of seven Oregon residents, including:

- four licensed massage therapists (FULFER, GRAY, ROWAN, **TKACIK**);
- one public member representing a health-related field (GILES); and
- two other public members (ENGLISH, ODLE).

Members serve four-year terms. The massage therapists may be selected from a list of nominees submitted by applicable professional organizations. Public members may not be massage therapists or a spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, or sibling of a massage therapist.

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 687.115 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Duties⁴

The board regulates the practice of massage therapy and must report all cases warranting a criminal prosecution. The board may adopt rules:

- establishing sanitary and hygienic standards, and health, safety, and infection control requirements for premises and facilities used by massage therapists;
- relating to the methods and procedures used in the practice of massage;
- governing licensure, including education and training requirements; and
- regarding any other matter that the board reasonably considers necessary and proper for the administration and enforcement of its authority.

⁴ [ORS 687.121 to 687.250 \(2023\)](#).



Massage Therapists, State Board of

Agency: **Semi-Independent**

Authorization: **ORS 687.115**

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

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Robert Ruark**

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Current Appointments

Fulfer, Melissa

Licensed Massage Therapist

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **2/17/2024 - 2/16/2028**

Tkacik, Danika

Licensed Massage Therapist

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **2/17/2026 - 2/16/2030**
10/1/2025 - 2/16/2026

Ms Gray, Carol A

Licensed massage Therapist

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **10/1/2024 - 9/30/2028**
10/1/2020 - 9/30/2024

Odle, Maria E

Public Member

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **11/25/2023 - 11/24/2027**
11/25/2019 - 11/24/2023

Rowan, Beckett K

Licensed Massage Therapist

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **4/1/2021 - 3/31/2025**

English, John

Public Member

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 10/4/2027**

Giles, John

Public Member

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **5/1/2025 - 4/25/2027**

Vacant Positions