

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 BOARD OF OPTOMETRY

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

New Appointee

Dr. Matthew Richardson of Damascus (replacing Halvorson in November)

Re-appointees

Gregory Kautz of Hillsboro

Ann Woods of King City

Terms

Kautz: June 10, 2025 – June 9, 2028

Richardson: November 25, 2025 – November 24, 2028

Woods: March 1, 2025 – February 28, 2028

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 683.250 \(2023\)](#)

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board is composed of five Governor appointees who are Oregon residents, including:

- Four licensed Doctors of Optometry in practice in Oregon (AYRES, **KAUTZ**, (HALVORSON), **RICHARDSON**, **WOODS**).
- One member of the public who represents health consumers (GOOLSBY).

The Doctors of Optometry may be selected from a list of nominees submitted by a representative professional organization. The public member may not otherwise be eligible for appointment to the board; cannot be the spouse, domestic partner, child,

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

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

³ [ORS 683.250 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

parent, or sibling of a Doctor of Optometry; and cannot have a relationship to health care professionals, to the health care industry, or to the ophthalmic optical industry.

Members serve three-year terms and at the pleasure of the Governor, must maintain appointment criteria, and must not have three consecutive unexcused absences. Members may not be stockholders in, or owner of, or a member of the faculty of, or of the board of trustees, of any school of optometry.⁴ No member may be financially interested in any purchase or contract in which the board is interested or financially interested in the sale of any property or optical supplies to any prospective candidate for examination before the board.

A majority of the members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The board elects from its membership a president and vice president, each of whom holds office for one year, or until the election and qualification of a successor.⁵ The board meets at least once a year and upon request of a majority of the members of the board or the call of the president.

Duties⁶

The board is a semi-independent state agency that regulates the practice of optometry. The board must:

- administer licensing for optometrists, including qualifications, examinations, practice guidelines, continuing education, and reciprocal licenses;
- establish and assess fees for specified services;
- keep specified records of licensees and board activities and property;
- recognize and approve clinics operated by universities and colleges of optometry;
- when taking disciplinary action, provide opportunity for an administrative hearing;
- appoint members to serve on the Council on Optometric Nontopical Formulary and adopt any formulary or portion of formulary approved by the council;
- adopt rules for the administration of specified statutes;
- adopt and use a common seal; and
- upon receipt of a complaint, conduct an investigation.

⁴ [ORS 683.260 \(2023\)](#).

⁵ [ORS 683.270 \(2023\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 683.020 to 683.325 \(2023\)](#).



Optometry, Oregon Board of

Agency: **Semi-Independent**

Authorization: **ORS 683.250**

Min Members: **5** Max Members: **5**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Health**

Board Admin: **Shelley Hanson**

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Current Appointments

Dr Ayres, Patrick C

Doctor of Optometry

Position Number: **1**

Term(s): **3/1/2021 - 2/29/2024**

Dr Woods, Ann S

Doctor of Optometry

Position Number: **2**

Term(s): **3/1/2025 - 2/28/2028**
4/1/2022 - 3/31/2025
11/19/2021 - 3/31/2022

Kautz, Gregory

Doctor of Optometry

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **6/10/2025 - 6/9/2028**
6/10/2022 - 6/9/2025

Ms Goolsby, Laurie K

Public Member

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **10/1/2023 - 9/30/2026**
10/1/2020 - 9/30/2023

Halvorson, Ami R

Doctor of Optometry

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **11/25/2022 - 11/24/2025**
11/25/2019 - 11/24/2022

Richardson, Matthew

Doctor of Optometry

Position Number: **4**

Term(s): **11/25/2025 - 11/24/2028**

Vacant Positions