

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD BYLAWS
November 2017

ARTICLE I

The Committee and its Members

The Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB) is established by ORS 431.122 for the purpose of advising and making recommendations to the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and the Oregon Health Policy Board (OHPB).

The PHAB consists of the following 14 members appointed by the Governor.

1. A state employee who has technical expertise in the field of public health;
2. A local public health administrator who supervises public health programs and public health activities in Benton, Clackamas, Deschutes, Jackson, Lane, Marion, Multnomah or Washington County;
3. A local public health administrator who supervises public health programs and public health activities in Coos, Douglas, Josephine, Klamath, Linn, Polk, Umatilla or Yamhill County;
4. A local public health administrator who supervises public health programs and public health activities in Clatsop, Columbia, Crook, Curry, Hood River, Jefferson, Lincoln, Tillamook, Union or Wasco County;
5. A local public health administrator who supervises public health programs and public health activities in Baker, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Lake, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Wallowa or Wheeler County;
6. A local health officer who is not a local public health administrator;
7. An individual who represents the Conference of Local Health Officials created under ORS 431.330;
8. An individual who is a member of, or who represents, a federally recognized Indian tribe in this state;
9. An individual who represents coordinated care organizations;
10. An individual who represents health care organizations that are not coordinated care organizations;
11. An individual who represents individuals who provide public health services directly to the public;
12. An expert in the field of public health who has a background in academia;
13. An expert in population health metrics; and
14. An at-large member.

Governor-appointed members serve four-year terms and are eligible for reappointment. Members serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

PHAB shall also include the following nonvoting, ex-officio members:

1. The Oregon Public Health Director or the Public Health Director's designee;
2. If the Public Health Director is not the State Health Officer, the State Health Officer or a physician licensed under ORS chapter 677 acting as the State Health Officer's designee;
3. If the Public Health Director is the State Health Officer, a representative from the Oregon Health Authority who is familiar with public health programs and public health activities in this state; and
4. An OHPB liaison.

Members are entitled to travel reimbursement per OHA policy and are not entitled to any other compensation.

Members who wish to resign from the PHAB must submit a formal resignation letter. Members who no longer meet the statutory criteria of their position must resign from the PHAB upon notification of this change.

If there is a vacancy for any cause, the Governor shall make an appointment to become immediately effective for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE II

Committee Officers and Duties

PHAB shall elect two of its voting members to serve as the chair and vice chair. Elections shall take place no later than January of each even-numbered year and must follow the requirements for elections in Oregon's Public Meetings Law, ORS 192.610-192.690. Oregon's Public Meetings Law does not allow any election procedure other than a public vote made at a PHAB meeting where a quorum is present.

The chair and vice chair shall serve two year terms. The chair and vice chair are eligible for one additional two-year reappointment.

If the chair were to vacate their position before their term is complete, the vice chair shall become the new chair to complete the term. If a vice chair is unable to serve, or if the vice chair position becomes vacant, then a new election is held to complete the remainder of the vacant term(s).

The PHAB chair shall facilitate meetings and guide the PHAB in achieving its deliverables. The PHAB chair shall represent the PHAB at meetings of the OHPB as directed by the OHPB designee. The PHAB chair may represent the PHAB at meetings with other stakeholders and partners, or designate another member to represent the PHAB as necessary.

The PHAB vice chair shall facilitate meetings in the absence of the PHAB chair. The PHAB vice chair shall represent the PHAB at meetings of the OHPB as directed by the OHPB designee when the PHAB chair is unavailable. The PHAB vice chair may represent the PHAB at meetings with other stakeholders and partners when the PHAB chair is unavailable or under the guidance of the PHAB chair, or may designate another member to represent the PHAB as necessary.

Both the PHAB chair and vice chair shall work with OHA Public Health Division staff to develop agendas and materials for PHAB meetings.

ARTICLE III

Committee Members and Duties

Members are expected to attend regular meetings and are encouraged to join at least one subcommittee.

Absences of more than 20% of scheduled meetings that do not involve family medical leave may be reviewed.

In order to maintain the transparency and integrity of the PHAB and its individual members, PHAB members must comply with the PHAB Conflict of Interest policy as articulated in this section, understanding that many voting members have a direct tie to governmental public health or other stakeholders in Oregon.

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All PHAB members must complete a standard Conflict of Interest Disclosure Form. PHAB members shall make disclosures of conflicts at the time of appointment and at any time thereafter where there are material employment or other changes that would warrant updating the form.

PHAB members shall verbally disclose any actual or perceived conflicts of interest prior to voting on any motion that may present a conflict of interest. If a PHAB member has a potential conflict related to a particular motion, the member should state the conflict. PHAB will then make a decision as to whether the member shall participate in the vote or be recused.

If the PHAB has reasonable cause to believe a member has failed to disclose actual or possible conflicts of interest, it shall inform the member and afford an opportunity to explain the alleged failure to disclose. If the PHAB determines the member has failed to disclose an actual or possible conflict of interest, it shall take appropriate corrective action including potential removal from the PHAB.

Members must complete required Boards and Commissions training as prescribed by the Governor's Office.

ARTICLE IV

Committee and Subcommittee Meetings

PHAB meetings are called by the order of the chair or vice chair, if serving as the meeting facilitator. A majority of voting members constitutes a quorum for the conduct of business.

PHAB shall conduct its business in conformity with Oregon's Public Meetings Law, ORS 192.610-192.690. All meetings will be available by conference call, and when possible also by either webinar or by livestream.

The PHAB strives to conduct its business through discussion and consensus. The chair or vice chair may institute processes to enable further decision making and move the work of the group forward.

Voting members may propose and vote on motions. The chair and vice chair will use Robert's Rules of Order to facilitate all motions. Votes may be made by telephone. Votes cannot be made by proxy, by mail or by email prior to the meeting. All official PHAB action is recorded in meeting minutes.

Meeting materials and agendas will be distributed one week in advance by email by OHA staff and will be posted online at www.healthoregon.org/phab.

ARTICLE V

Amendments to the Bylaws

Bylaws will be reviewed annually. Any updates to the bylaws will be approved through a formal vote by PHAB members.