

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Oregon Board of Dentistry (OBD) Board Member. Volunteers like you are crucial to the foundation of a government duly represented by its citizens.

A Board term of service is four years. Board members may serve two terms. The Governor appoints the Board member and the Senate confirms them. The Governor's office will review and consider the applicant's geographic location, ethnic background, diversity, disciplinary history (if any) and other factors important to the Governor.

- An Oregon licensed Dentist, who resides in Oregon, may apply for a dentist position on the Board.
- An Oregon licensed Dental Hygienist, who resides in Oregon, may apply for a dental hygienist position on the Board.
- Any interested Oregon citizen may apply for a public position on the Board.

An OBD Board Member is actively involved, within the context of the agency's regulatory governance model, policy-making, strategic planning, and oversight responsibilities necessary for the success and well-being of the OBD, consumers, Licensees and other stakeholders.

Requirements:

- Commitment to the mission of the OBD and willing to actively seek information that helps guide discussions and decisions regarding achievement of the mission.
- Commitment to complete training and professional development required by State of Oregon.
- Understanding and acceptance of the OBD's legal, fiscal and ethical responsibilities to OBD and Oregon. A Board Member is a public official and subject to transparency and ethics requirements.
- Maintain the confidentiality of relevant investigatory information and other private records.
- Active participation with other Board members in assessing the performance of the OBD's Executive Director.
- Active collaboration with other Board members in decision making.
- Ability to maintain an objective viewpoint on issues that impact Licensees you may be familiar with or know in some way.
- Ability to maintain an objective viewpoint on larger issues that impact oral health care in the state.
- Willingness to volunteer to serve on committees or to serve when asked by the Chair.
- Willingness to volunteer to attend national meetings with American Association of Dental Boards and testing agencies.
- Support OBD decisions by speaking with one voice.
- Prepare in advance for OBD meetings.
- Regular attendance at and active meaningful participation in OBD meetings (there are typically six meetings per year) and related OBD committee meetings, strategic planning and ad hoc committees.
- Maintain a positive working relationship with the OBD Board Members, Executive Director and OBD Staff.
- Understanding of Executive Limitations: Constraints on Board authority that establish the prudence and ethical boundaries within which all Board activity and decisions must take place.
- Understanding of Governance Process: Understanding the ways in which the Board conceives, carries out and monitors its own tasks.
- Understanding of Board – Executive Director Linkage: The delegation of power between the Board and the Executive Director and monitoring its use.
- Understanding the roles and duties each Board member plays and the executive director: respecting these boundaries and roles.
- Board members receive a small per diem for every day of full Board service currently is set at \$157 per day (annually it can adjust) Board members are also reimbursed for travel expenses for Board business.

Some next steps may include:

- A brief phone interview with the Executive Director.
- Complete required documents with the Governor's Office including interest form, resume and oath of office.
- Attendance at Senate Committee Meeting, and short interaction with Senators at the meeting regarding your interest in serving on the OBD.
- Attendance at OBD new Board Member onboarding orientation ½ day meeting at the OBD's downtown Portland Office.

It truly is a volunteer position, with Board members needing to be engaged in all areas that impact safe dentistry, dental therapy & dental hygiene - licensure, discipline, education, etc... Statute and rule allow a per diem which in 2022 - 2023 was set at \$157 per full day of board service.

Board Members typically attend 6 board meetings and 2 - 4 committee meetings per year. The Board also undergoes strategic planning every three to four years. All Board Members are required to complete mandatory training which is completed through the state's Workday system. All this work roughly translates to about 120 - 150 hours of work per year. This time commitment may vary for individuals especially at start of service as a new Board Member. Board Meeting packets can sometimes total over 1500 pages for a board meeting.

The OBD strives to meet in person for regular board meetings. It utilizes remote meetings for committee work, weather issues or for emergency meetings to consult on unsafe licensees that need the Board's immediate attention.

For more information you can review Oregon Revised Statutes - ORS 679.230 & 679.250 and the OBD website to look at past history of meetings and minutes, newsletters along with other Board documents.

Please go to the Governor's website:

[Governor of Oregon : Boards & Commissions : State of Oregon](#)

The actual interest form is located on the governor's website. Please submit the application materials, as well as a cover letter and resume, to the Governor's Office, ideally a few months before the next board position you are applying for is open. The application materials are maintained on file for one year.

Please let me know if you need more information or give me a call at 971-673-3200.

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Sincerely,
Stephen Prisby
Executive Director

The Mission of the Oregon Board of Dentistry is to promote quality oral health care and protect all communities in the State of Oregon by equitably and ethically regulating dental professionals.