

OKLAHOMA BOARD OF NURSING
2024 Board Member Appointment Criteria

The Governor shall appoint the Registered Nurse Board members from a list of names submitted by the Oklahoma Nurses Association and Oklahoma chapters of nationally recognized registered nurse organizations. The Governor shall appoint the Licensed Practical Nurse Board members from a list of names submitted by the Oklahoma chapters of nationally recognized nursing organizations. [59 O.S. § 567.4 C]

The Governor should make the next RN appointment to the Oklahoma Board of Nursing in June of 2024. The current term for the RN appointee ends May 31, 2024. Organizations meeting the above criteria should submit a list of names to the Governor's office.

Qualifications for the next appointment [59 O.S. § 567.4] are as follows:

- A. Registered Nurse (one appointment)
 - 1. Licensed in the state of Oklahoma in good standing.
 - 2. No less than five years of experience as a Registered Nurse.
 - 3. Citizen of the United States of America and a resident of Oklahoma for at least the previous three years.
 - 4. Must be currently engaged in the practice of nursing as a Registered Nurse.
 - 5. Must be from the statute designated geographical districts of 2, 6 or 8 (see page 2).
 - 6. Shall represent nursing service and hold an organizational role of administration/management and be accountable for strategic, operational and/or performance outcomes.

- B. The individual appointed must be able to meet the time requirements for serving on the Board (see bottom of page 2).

- C. The individual appointed should be aware that one of the statutory grounds for removal from the Board includes *not employed in nursing for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months during the term for which the member was appointed* (59 O.S. § 567.4 D. 1.b.).

Geographical Districts

For the purpose of nominating, appointing or reappointing members to the Board, this state shall be divided into eight geographical districts, consisting of counties within the districts as follows:

District No. 1	Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Harper, Woods, Alfalfa, Grant, *Kay, Ellis, Woodward, Major, *Garfield, Noble, Dewey, Blaine, Kingfisher and *Logan;
District No. 2	Roger Mills, Custer, Beckham, Washita, Caddo, Greer, Kiowa, Harmon, Jackson, *Comanche, Tillman and Cotton;
District No. 3	*Canadian, *Grady, *McClain, Garvin, *Stephens, Murray, Jefferson, *Carter and Love;
District No. 4	*Oklahoma;
District No. 5	Lincoln, Okfuskee, *Cleveland, *Pottawatomie, Seminole, Hughes, Pontotoc, Coal, Johnston, Marshall and *Bryan;
District No. 6	*Creek and *Tulsa;
District No. 7	*Osage, *Washington, Nowata, Craig, Ottawa, Pawnee, *Payne, *Rogers, Mayes and *Delaware; and
District No. 8	*Wagoner, *Cherokee, Adair, Okmulgee, *Muskogee, Sequoyah, McIntosh, Haskell, *Leflore, *Pittsburg, Latimer, Atoka, Pushmataha, McCurtain and Choctaw.

*Counties with a population greater than 40,000

Board Member Time Requirements

Five-year appointments for nurses, public members serve coterminously with the Governor.

Attendance to New Board Member Orientation scheduled virtually consisting of total of 12 hours. In addition, attendance to:

Peer Assistance Committee meeting

Settlement Conferences (Informal Disposition Panel)

Attendance to Board meetings/hearings held every other month (each meeting is 3 days)

Meeting days are generally Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday

Months are generally January, March, May, July, September, and November

Board members report an average preparation time for Board meetings/hearings of 16 hours

Settlement Conferences are scheduled on 2 separate days during Board meeting months

Two Board members attend the Settlement Conferences – each Board member attends approximately 3 Settlement Conferences per year

Board members also serve on various Board Committees that meet throughout the year.