



# MEMORANDUM

Prepared for: Oregon State Senate  
Regarding: Review of Executive Appointments  
Date: September 21, 2022

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

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The Governor has appointed the following individuals to the Board of Trustees of Southern Oregon University, subject to Senate confirmation:<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointments

Iris Maria Chavez of Portland  
Elizabeth Shelby of Medford

### Term

09-28-2022 – 06-30-2026  
09-28-2022 – 06-30-2026

### Statutory Authority

[ORS 352.054 and 352.076 \(2021\)](#).

### Statement of Economic Interest<sup>2</sup>

Not required.

### Composition<sup>3</sup>

The Governor appoints 11 to 15 members (BARRY, BULLOCK, **CHAVEZ**, CLOUGH, FRANKS, LEE, MEDINA, SANTOS, **SHELBY**, THALDEN and THORNDIKE) that must include:

- one student enrolled at the university as a voting member (PIEPER);
- one representative of the faculty that may serve as either a voting or nonvoting member (GAY);
- one representative of the nonfaculty staff that may serve as either a voting or nonvoting member (CABLE); and
- the president of the university who is a nonvoting member *ex officio* (BAILEY).

Members serve four-year terms, except for student, faculty, and nonfaculty staff who serve two-year terms. Members may not serve more than two consecutive terms. The Governor may remove any appointed member of the governing board at any time for cause, after notice and public hearing, but may not remove more than three members within a period of four years, unless it is for corrupt conduct in office. Faculty and nonfaculty staff members may not participate in any discussions or action by the board or attend any executive sessions involving collective bargaining issues affecting faculty or nonfaculty staff at the university.

The board must select one of its members as chair and another as vice chair for such terms and with duties and powers that the board considers necessary to perform in the respective

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III, §4](#); [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 352.076 \(2021\)](#); and see [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

office. The board shall adopt bylaws to define a quorum and when it is necessary. The board must meet at least four times per year and may meet at the call of the chair or a majority of its voting members.

## **Duties<sup>4</sup>**

Oregon's seven public universities have governing boards that:

- provide transparency, public accountability, and support for the university;
- are close to and closely focused on the university;
- lead to greater access and affordability for Oregon residents and do not disadvantage out-of-state students relative to in-state students;
- act in the best interests of both the university and the State; and
- promote students' academic success and support the mission of higher education.

The governing board of each university must:

- adopt the university's budget;
- appoint, employ, and supervise a president of the university in consultation with the Governor;
- establish a process for determining tuition and mandatory enrollment fees within statutory guidelines;
- exercise care and control over all real and personal property used for university purposes;
- ensure that sufficient collateral is secured for funds on deposit that exceed the coverage limits of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration;
- adopt standards governing the outside activities and employment of university personnel, including potential conflicts of interest, and procedures for reporting and hearing potential or actual conflicts of interest;
- provide group insurance and deferred compensation plans to university personnel;
- adopt minimum standards for the university's comprehensive alcohol and drug abuse policy and implementation plan;
- exempt a student who is not a citizen or a lawful permanent resident of the United States, or financially dependent on a person who is not a citizen of a lawful permanent resident of the United States, from paying nonresident tuition and fees under specified conditions; and
- adopt standards for the administration of statutes assigned to the board.

The governing board of each university may:

- manage all revenue derived from tuition and mandatory enrollment fees;
- regulate vehicle traffic and parking on university property;
- establish a police department and commission one or more police officers with the same authority and immunity as a municipal police department;
- commission special campus security officers;
- sell forest products on university lands and conduct experimental or research projects in the field of forestland management or for forest product utilization on forestlands in the same manner as the State Forester;

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<sup>4</sup> [ORS 352.025 and 352.054 \(2021\)](#); [ORS 352.087 to 352.313 \(2021\)](#).

- undertake the construction of any building or structure for higher education when the board conservatively estimates that the public university will have sufficient revenues to pay the operating costs and any indebtedness for the building or structure and enter into contracts for the acquisition, erection, improvement, repair, equipping, and furnishing of buildings and structures;
- adopt standards and specific orders by or through the president of each public university governing access to personnel records that are less than 25 years old;
- authorize receipt of compensation for any officer or employee from private or public resources;
- contract with the Armed Forces of the United States to furnish educational services to active members of the Armed Forces of the United States; and
- perform any other acts that in the judgment of the governing board are required, necessary, or appropriate to accomplish the rights and responsibilities granted to the governing board by law.

# Executive Appointments Board Roster

## Southern Oregon University, Board of Trustees of

Agency: Oregon Department of Education

Authorization: SB70

Members: Min: 11 Max: 14

Term Length: 4 years Limit: 2

Senate confirmation required? Yes

**Policy Area:** Education

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### Current Appointments:

#### Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Brent Barry

Position Number: 10

Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026

Jon Bullock

Position Number: 7

Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026  
07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022

Katherine Cable

Staff

Position Number: 13

Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2024

Iris Maria Chavez

Position Number: 9

Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 06-30-2026

Sheila M Clough

Position Number: 3

Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026  
07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022  
05-03-2017 - 06-30-2018

Shaun H Franks

Position Number: 11

Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026  
07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022

Andrew Gay

Position Number: 12

Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2024

Debra FJ Lee

Position Number: 1

Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026  
07-01-2021 - 06-30-2022

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**Member Name and Address** (Alphabetical)

**Policy Area:** Education

Christina Medina	Position Number: 8
Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026	
Mimi Pieper Student	Position Number: 14
Term(s): 07-01-2021 - 06-30-2023	
Daniel P Santos	Position Number: 6
Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2023 09-26-2016 - 06-30-2019	
Elizabeth Shelby	Position Number: 5
Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 06-30-2026	
Barry Thalden	Position Number: 4
Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022	
William D Thorndike, Jr.	Position Number: 2
Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022 09-19-2014 - 06-30-2018	