



# MEMORANDUM

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

LPRO: LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND RESEARCH OFFICE

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Board of Trustees of the Oregon Institute of Technology, subject to Senate confirmation:<sup>1</sup>

### New Appointment

Phong Nguyen of Salem  
Mason Wichmann of Beaverton

### Term

09-28-2022 – 06-30-2024  
09-28-2022 – 06-30-2024

### Statutory Authority

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

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

Not required.

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

The board consists of 11 to 15 trustees (BIRD, DAVIS, GOPALPUR, JONES, MASON, NÚÑEZ-FLORES and STARR) that include:

- one student (**WICHMANN**);
- one faculty member (**NGUYEN**);
- one nonfaculty staff member (VITALI); and
- the president of the university, nonvoting (NAGANATHAN).

The Governor may designate the faculty and nonfaculty staff appointees as voting or nonvoting, and they may not participate in any board activity or attend any executive sessions involving collective bargaining issues affecting faculty or staff. The student, faculty and nonfaculty staff appointees serve two years, other appointees serve four, and all are limited to two consecutive terms. They may be removed for cause, after notice and public hearing, but no more than three may be removed within a four-year period, unless it is for corrupt conduct in office.

The board selects its chair and vice chair, adopts bylaws defining a quorum and when a quorum is necessary, and meets at least four times a year.

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

Oregon's seven public universities have governing boards that:

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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 \(2021\)](#) see also [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

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

- 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;
- 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

### Oregon Institute of Technology, Board of Trustees of the

Agency: Oregon Department of Education

Authorization: SB 270

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)

Stefan Bird

Position Number: 12

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

Jeremy D Brown

Position Number: 1

Term(s): 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022  
09-19-2014 - 06-30-2018

John C Davis

Position Number: 9

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

Chandrakanth C Gopalpur

Position Number: 3

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

Tim Hasty  
Student

Position Number: 2

Term(s): 10-01-2020 - 06-30-2022

Kathleen S Hill

Position Number: 5

Term(s): 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022  
09-19-2014 - 06-30-2018

Vincent Jones

Position Number: 11

Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026  
07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022  
06-01-2016 - 06-30-2018

Jill D Mason

Position Number: 14

Term(s): 07-01-2019 - 06-30-2023  
10-01-2015 - 06-30-2019

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## Oregon Institute of Technology, Board of Trustees of the

Member Name and Address (Alphabetical)

Policy Area: Education

Rose McClure	Position Number: 8
Term(s): 07-01-2020 - 06-30-2022 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2020	
Kelley M Morris	Position Number: 6
Term(s): 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022 09-19-2014 - 06-30-2018	
Phong Nguyen Faculty	Position Number: 8
Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 06-30-2024	
Celia Nunez-Flores	Position Number: 10
Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022 09-19-2014 - 06-30-2018	
Mike Starr	Position Number: 7
Term(s): 07-01-2022 - 06-30-2026 12-17-2018 - 06-30-2022	
Michele Vitali Staff	Position Number: 4
Term(s): 07-01-2021 - 06-30-2023 10-01-2020 - 06-30-2021	
Mason Wichmann Student	Position Number: 2
Term(s): 09-28-2022 - 06-30-2024	
Fred Ziari	Position Number: 13
Term(s): 07-01-2018 - 06-30-2022 12-12-2014 - 06-30-2018	