

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules and  
Executive Appointments

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BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst

RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WESTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

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

### New Appointee

Hunter Hall of Monmouth

Juan Larios of Woodburn

Ray Perez of Salem

Viviana Romero of Palmdale

Kate Schwarzler of Independence

Jim Vu of Salem

Mark Zook of Salem

### Terms

Larios and Perez: October 1, 2024 – June 30, 2028

All others: October 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 352.054 and 352.076 \(2023\)](#).

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

Not required.

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

The board consists of 14 to 18 members, including:

- one enrolled undergraduate student (**ROMERO**);
- one enrolled undergraduate student, *nonvoting* (VACANT);
- one graduate student (**HALL**);
- one faculty member (SCHOWALTER);
- one nonfaculty staff member (JACKSON);
- eight to 12 at-large members: (AMBRIS, EVANS, FASANA, KOMP, **LARIOS**, MITCHELL, NELSESTUEN, **PEREZ**, **SCHWARZLER**, **VU**, **ZOOK**); and
- the university president, *ex officio*, *nonvoting* (PETERS).

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<sup>1</sup> [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 \(2023\)](#), [ORS 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>2</sup> [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

<sup>3</sup> [ORS 352.076 \(2023\)](#); [ORS 182.100 \(2023\)](#) for affirmative action policy; [ORS 236.115 \(2023\)](#) for diversity criteria.

Student, faculty, and nonfaculty staff serve two-year terms; other members serve four-year terms. The Governor may remove appointed members but not more than three within four years, unless for corrupt conduct. Faculty and nonfaculty staff members may not participate in collective bargaining discussions, action, or sessions. The board selects its chair and vice chair and must meet at least four times per year.

## **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 individual university;
- lead to greater access and affordability for Oregon residents and do not disadvantage Oregon students relative to out-of-state students;
- act in the best interests of the university and the State of Oregon; and
- promote academic success in support of all education beyond high school.

The governing board of each university must:

- adopt the university budget;
- in consultation with the Governor, appoint and supervise a university president;
- establish a process for determining tuition and mandatory enrollment fees;
- have custody and control of all real and personal property used;
- ensure collateral to secures funds on deposit;
- adopt standards governing employee outside employment and activities;
- provide group insurance and deferred compensation plans to employees;
- adopt standards for the alcohol and drug abuse policy and implementation plan;
- exempt a student who is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident, or financially dependent on such a person, from paying nonresident tuition and fees; and
- adopt standards for the administration of statutes.

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<sup>4</sup> [ORS 352.025 and 352.313 \(2023\)](#).



## Western Oregon University, Board of Trustees of

Agency: **Education, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 352.076**

Min Members: **15** Max Members: **17**

Term Length: **4** Term Limit: **2**

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Regional Solutions**

Board Admin: **Evan Sorce**

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## Current Appointments

<b>Nelsestuen, Kari</b> At-Large Position Number: <b>1</b>	Term(s): <b>7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026</b> <b>6/10/2022 - 6/30/2022</b>
<b>Ms Komp, Betty E</b> At-Large Position Number: <b>2</b>	Term(s): <b>7/1/2021 - 6/30/2025</b> <b>7/1/2019 - 6/30/2021</b> <b>1/10/2017 - 6/30/2019</b>
<b>Mr Ambris, Jerardo "Jerry"</b> At-Large Position Number: <b>3</b>	Term(s): <b>7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027</b> <b>11/25/2019 - 6/30/2023</b>
<b>Vu, Jim</b> At-Large Position Number: <b>4</b>	Term(s): <b>10/1/2024 - 6/30/2026</b>
<b>Larios, Juan</b> At-Large Position Number: <b>5</b>	Term(s): <b>10/1/2024 - 6/30/2028</b>
<b>Schwarzler, Kate</b> At-Large Position Number: <b>6</b>	Term(s): <b>10/1/2024 - 6/30/2026</b>
<b>Zook, Mark</b> At-Large Position Number: <b>7</b>	Term(s): <b>10/1/2024 - 6/30/2026</b>
<b>Ms Evans, Gayle M SPHR</b> At-Large Position Number: <b>8</b>	Term(s): <b>7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026</b> <b>7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022</b> <b>11/17/2017 - 6/30/2018</b>

<b>Ms Mitchell, Leah M</b> At-Large Position Number: <b>9</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026</b> <b>10/1/2019 - 6/30/2022</b>
<b>Perez, Rey</b> At-Large Position Number: <b>10</b>	Term(s):	<b>10/1/2024 - 6/30/2028</b>
<b>Fasana, Angela</b> At-Large Position Number: <b>11</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026</b>
<b>Schowalter, Dana</b> Faculty Position Number: <b>12</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026</b>
<b>Jackson, Paige</b> Nonfaculty Staff Position Number: <b>13</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026</b> <b>2/16/2024 - 6/30/2024</b>
<b>Ms Campbell, Danielle R</b> Undergraduate Student (voting) Position Number: <b>14</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2022 - 6/30/2024</b> <b>10/1/2020 - 6/30/2022</b>
<b>Romero, Viviana</b> Undgraduate Student (voting) Position Number: <b>15</b>	Term(s):	<b>10/1/2024 - 6/30/2026</b>
<b>Hall, Hunter</b> Graduate Student Position Number: <b>16</b>	Term(s):	<b>10/1/2024 - 6/30/2026</b>
<b>Dr. Peters, Darrell "Jesse"</b> WOU President (Ex Officio) Position Number: <b>17</b>	Term(s):	<b>8/1/2022 -</b>

## Vacant Positions