

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: March 27, 2025
BY: Leslie Porter, Legislative Analyst
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EASTERN OREGON UNIVERSITY

The Governor has appointed the following individual to the Board of Trustees of Eastern Oregon University subject to Senate confirmation.¹

New Appointee

Scott Davidson of Portland

Term

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2029

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

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

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The board consists of 14 to 18 members:

- one enrolled undergraduate student (KIKUO);
- one enrolled undergraduate student, nonvoting (STANDLEY);
- one graduate student (VACANT);
- one faculty member (GEAGON);
- one nonfaculty staff member (THOMPSON);
- eight to 12 at-large members: (CRONIN, **DAVIDSON**, GEORGE, HOFMANN, LAIR, MABBOTT, MENDOZA, RIEL, SMITH, VALERIO); and
- the university president, *ex officio*, nonvoting (RYAN).

Student, faculty, and nonfaculty staff serve two-year terms; other members serve four-year terms. Both types of members may serve up to two consecutive terms. The Governor may remove appointed members but may not remove more than three within four years, unless for corrupt conduct. Faculty and nonfaculty staff members may not participate in any discussions, action, or sessions concerning collective bargaining issues.

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4, ORS 171.562 and ORS 171.565 \(2023\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2023\)](#).

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

The board selects its chair and vice chair. The board shall adopt bylaws concerning how a quorum is constituted and when a quorum is necessary. The board must meet at least four times per year.

Duties⁴

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 secure 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 a person who is not a citizen or lawful permanent resident, from paying nonresident tuition and fees under specified conditions; and
- adopt standards for the administration of statutes.

⁴ [ORS 352.025 and 352.313 \(2023\)](#).



Eastern Oregon University, Board of Trustees of

Agency: **Semi-Independent**

Authorization: **ORS 352.076**

Min Members: **11** Max Members: **16**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Regional Solutions**

Board Admin: **Chris Burford**

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Current Appointments

Dr Hofmann, Charles E MD, FACP

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2026**

At-Large

Position Number: **1**

Mr Mendoza, George J

Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

At-Large

Position Number: **2**

7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022

9/19/2014 - 6/30/2018

George, Gary

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027**

At-Large

Position Number: **3**

Cronin, Christine

Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

At-Large

Position Number: **4**

Lair, Erin

Term(s): **7/1/2023 - 6/30/2026**

At-Large

Position Number: **5**

Ms Mabbott, Tamra J

Term(s): **7/1/2024 - 6/30/2028**

At-Large

Position Number: **6**

10/1/2020 - 6/30/2024

Smith, Brenda

Term(s): **10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027**

At-Large

Position Number: **7**

Mr Riel, Cedric A

Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026**

At-Large

Position Number: **8**

5/14/2021 - 6/30/2022

Davidson, Scott	Term(s):	7/1/2025 - 6/30/2029
At-Large		
Position Number: 9		
Dr Valerio, Maurizio	Term(s):	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026
At-Large		10/1/2020 - 6/30/2022
Position Number: 10		
Geagon, Margot	Term(s):	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026
Faculty		
Position Number: 12		
Thompson, Kerry	Term(s):	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026
Nonfaculty Staff		4/26/2023 - 6/30/2024
Position Number: 13		
Kikuo, Oreng	Term(s):	10/1/2024 - 6/30/2025
Undergraduate (voting)		
Position Number: 14		
Standley, Ana	Term(s):	7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026
Undergraduate Student (non-voting)		
Position Number: 15		
Ryan, Kelly	Term(s):	11/1/2022 -
EOU President (ex-officio)		
Position Number: 16		

Vacant Positions				
Pos	Former Member	Appointed By	Term Begin	Term End
11	Mrs Martin, Cheryl A	Governor	7/1/2022	6/30/2026
11	Mrs Martin, Cheryl A	Governor	7/1/2018	6/30/2022
11	Mrs Martin, Cheryl A	Governor	12/12/2014	6/30/2018