

Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules
DATE: September 20, 2023
BY: Leslie Porter, 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

Brenda Smith of Hines

Term

October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2027

Appointment/Confirmation Authority

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

Statement of Economic Interest²

Not required.

Composition³

The Governor appoints 11 to 15 members of the governing board.⁴ Membership includes:

- one enrolled student, who is a voting member (SCHREIBER);
- one faculty member, who is either voting or nonvoting (CAVINATO);
- one nonfaculty staff member who is either voting or nonvoting (THOMPSON);
- eight to 12 at-large members: (CRONIN, GEORGE, HOFMANN, LAIR, MABBOTT, MARTIN, MENDOZA, RIEL, **SMITH**, STEPHENS, VALERIO); and
- the president of the university who is an ex officio nonvoting member (RYAN).

Members serve four-year terms, except for student, faculty, and nonfaculty staff members, 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 board members may not participate in any

¹ [Or. Const. art. III sect. 4](#), [ORS 171.562 and 171.565 \(2021\)](#).

² [ORS 244.050 \(2021\)](#).

³ [ORS 182.100 \(2021\)](#) for affirmative action policy and [ORS 236.115 \(2021\)](#) for diversity criteria.

⁴ [ORS 352.076 \(2021\)](#).

discussions or action by the board or attend any executive session of the board involving collective bargaining issues that affect 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 as the board considers necessary for the performance of the functions of those offices. The governing 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 and may meet at the call of the chairperson or a majority of the voting members of the board.

Duties

Each of Oregon's seven public universities has a governing board that:⁵

- provides transparency, public accountability, and support for the university;
- is close to and closely focused on the individual university;
- leads to greater access and affordability for Oregon residents and does not disadvantage Oregon students relative to out-of-state students;
- acts in the best interests of both the university and the State of Oregon; and
- promotes the academic success of students in support of the mission of all education beyond high school.

The governing board of each university must:⁶

- adopt the university budget;
- appoint, employ, and supervise a university president, in consultation with the Governor;
- establish a process for determining tuition and mandatory enrollment fees within statutory guidelines;
- have custody and control of, and care for, all real and personal property used for university purposes;
- ensure that sufficient collateral secures any amount of funds on deposit that exceeds the limits of the coverage of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Administration;
- adopt standards governing employees' outside employment and activities, 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 employees;

⁵ [ORS 352.025 and 352.054 \(2021\)](#).

⁶ [ORS 352.087 to 352.309 \(2021\)](#).



- adopt minimum standards for a 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 or 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 also:⁷

- authorize, establish, eliminate, collect, manage, use in any manner, and expend all revenue derived from tuition and mandatory enrollment fees;
- police, control, and regulate traffic and parking of vehicles on university property;
- establish a police department and commission one or more employees as police officers with the same authority and immunity of 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 of the public university or office, department, or activity 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 service 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.

⁷ [ORS 352.087 to 352.313 \(2021\)](#).



Eastern Oregon University, Board of Trustees of

Agency: **Higher Education Coordinating Commission**

Authorization: **ORS 352.054 and ORS 352.076**

Min Members: **11** Max Members: **15**

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

At-Large

Position Number: **1**

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

Mr Mendoza, George J

At-Large

Position Number: **2**

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

7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022

9/19/2014 - 6/30/2018

Moore, Lara

Ex-Officio - EOU Co-President

Position Number: **3**

Term(s): **9/1/2022 -**

Cronin, Christine

At-Large

Position Number: **4**

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

Lair, Erin

At-Large

Position Number: **5**

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

Ms Mabbott, Tamra J

At-Large

Position Number: **6**

Term(s): **10/1/2020 - 6/30/2024**

Cavinato, Anna

Faculty

Position Number: **7**

Term(s): **7/1/2022 - 6/30/2024**

Thompson, Kerry

Staff

Position Number: **8**

Term(s): **7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026**

4/26/2023 - 6/30/2024

Mr Riel, Cedric A	Term(s):	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026
At-Large		5/14/2021 - 6/30/2022
Position Number: 14		
Schreiber, Deidre	Term(s):	9/28/2022 - 6/30/2024
Student		
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		
Mrs Martin, Cheryl A	Term(s):	7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026
At-Large		7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022
Position Number: 11		12/12/2014 - 6/30/2018
George, Gary	Term(s):	7/1/2023 - 6/30/2027
At-Large		
Position Number: 12		
Mr Johnson, William "Bill" L	Term(s):	7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023
At-Large		7/1/2015 - 6/30/2019
Position Number: 13		
Smith, Brenda	Term(s):	10/5/2023 - 6/30/2027
At-Large		
Position Number: 13		
Dr Stephens, Bradford "Brad" A	Term(s):	7/1/2020 - 6/30/2024
At-Large		7/1/2016 - 6/30/2020
Position Number: 15		

Vacant Positions