

# Memorandum

PREPARED FOR: Senate Committee on Rules  
DATE: September 20, 2023  
BY: Leslie Porter, Analyst  
RE: Legislative Review of Executive Appointments



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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 Appointee

Jason Mendoza of Ashland

### Reappointees

Jason Mendoza of Ashland  
Daniel Santos of Salem

### Terms

Mendoza: October 5, 2023 – June 30, 2024  
Mendoza: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026  
Santos: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2027

### Appointment/Confirmation Authority

[ORS 352.054 \(2021\)](#) 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, THRONDIKE), including:<sup>4</sup>

- one enrolled student, voting (PIEPER);
- one faculty member, voting or nonvoting (GAY);
- one nonfaculty staff, voting or nonvoting (**MENDOZA**); and
- the university president, *ex officio*, nonvoting (BAILEY).

Members serve four-year terms; student, faculty, and nonfaculty staff serve two-year terms, limited to two consecutive terms. The Governor may remove appointed

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

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

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

<sup>4</sup> [ORS 352.076 \(2021\)](#).

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, actions, or sessions concerning collective bargaining issues.

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.

## **Duties<sup>5</sup>**

Oregon's seven public universities each 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 university real and personal property;
- ensure collateral to secure funds on deposit;
- adopt standards governing employees' 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.

The governing board of each university may:

- manage revenue derived from tuition and mandatory enrollment fees;
- regulate traffic and parking on university property;
- establish a police department;
- commission special campus security officers;

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<sup>5</sup> [ORS 352.025 and 352.313 \(2021\)](#).



- sell forest products and conduct forestland management research projects;
- undertake the construction of any building or structure for higher education;
- adopt standards governing access to certain personnel records; and
- contract with the U.S. Armed Forces for education for active service members.



## Southern Oregon University, Board of Trustees of

Agency: **Education, Oregon Department of**

Authorization: **ORS 352.076**

Min Members: **11**    Max Members: **14**

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

Senate Confirmation Required?: **Yes**

Policy Area: **Regional Solutions**

Board Admin: **Sabrina Prud'homme**

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## Current Appointments

**Ms Lee, Debra Fing Jing**

Position Number: **1**

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

**7/1/2021 - 6/30/2022**

**Mr Thorndike, William D Jr.**

Position Number: **2**

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

**7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022**

**9/19/2014 - 6/30/2018**

**Mrs Clough, Sheila M**

Position Number: **3**

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

**7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022**

**5/3/2017 - 6/30/2018**

**Mr Thalden, Barry**

Position Number: **4**

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

**7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022**

**Shelby, Elizabeth**

Position Number: **5**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 6/30/2026**

**Mr Santos, Daniel P**

At-Large

Position Number: **6**

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

**7/1/2019 - 6/30/2023**

**9/26/2016 - 6/30/2019**

**Bullock, Jonathan "Jon" C**

Position Number: **7**

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

**7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022**

**Medina, Christina**

Position Number: **8**

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

**Chavez, Iris Maria**

Position Number: **9**

Term(s): **9/28/2022 - 6/30/2026**

**Barry, Brent**

Position Number: **10**

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

<b>Mr Franks, Shaun H</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2022 - 6/30/2026</b>
At-Large		<b>7/1/2018 - 6/30/2022</b>
Position Number: <b>11</b>		
<b>Gay, Andrew</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2022 - 6/30/2024</b>
Faculty Member		
Position Number: <b>12</b>		
<b>Mendoza, Jason</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2024 - 6/30/2026</b>
Nonfaculty Staff		<b>10/5/2023 - 6/30/2024</b>
Position Number: <b>13</b>		
<b>Ms Pieper, Miranda "Mimi" RB</b>	Term(s):	<b>7/1/2023 - 6/30/2025</b>
Student		<b>7/1/2021 - 6/30/2023</b>
Position Number: <b>14</b>		

## Vacant Positions