
Executive Committee Agenda

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| 1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum (11:30 am) Chair Gomez | |
| 2. Consent Agenda (11:30 am) <i>Chair Gomez</i> | 1 |
| 2.1 Approve Minutes of May 27, 2021 Meeting | |
| 3. Action Items (11:35 am) <i>Chair Gomez</i> | |
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| 4. Discussion Items (11:50am) | |
| 3.1 Review of Board Agenda (11:50 am) <i>Chair Gomez</i> | |
| 5. Other Business/New Business (11:55 am) <i>Chair Gomez</i> | |
| 6. Adjournment (Noon) | |



**Meeting of the
Oregon Tech Board of Trustees
Executive Committee
Sunset Room, Klamath Falls Campus
And virtually via Microsoft Teams
May 27, 2021
11:40am – Noon**

**Executive Committee
DRAFT MINUTES**

Trustees Present:

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| Jessica Gomez, Chair | Jeremy Brown | Nagi Naganathan, President |
| Vince Jones, Vice Chair | Lisa Graham | (in person) |

Trustees Unable to Attend:

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| Paul Stewart | Fred Ziari |
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Other Trustees Present:

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| Tim Hasty (in person) | Mike Starr | Michele Vitali |
| Rose McClure (in person) | | |

University Staff and Faculty Present:

David Groff, General Counsel
Travis Miller, Information Technology Consultant

1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum

Chair Gomez called the meeting to order at 11:40am. The Secretary called roll and a quorum was declared.

2. Consent Agenda

2.1 Approve Minutes of the November 12, 2020 Meeting

Trustee Graham approved the minutes of the November 12, 2020 meeting. Trustee Jones seconded the motion. With all trustees present voting aye, the motion passed unanimously.

3. Action Items

3.1 Recommendation to the Governor to Reappoint Staff Member Michele Vitali to Oregon Institute of Technology's Board

Chair Gomez shared her appreciation for Trustee Vitali's participation on the Board.

Trustee Brown moved to recommend the Governor to reappoint staff member Michele Vitali to Oregon Institute of Technology's Board. Trustee Graham

seconded the motion. With all trustees present voting aye, the motion passed unanimously.

4. Discussion Items

4.1 Review of Board Agenda

Chair Gomez noted the request for approval of the budget is the focus of the meeting.

5. Other Business/New - none

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. P. Groff", with a horizontal line underneath.

David P Groff
University General Counsel and Interim Board Secretary

ACTION

Agenda Item 3.1

Recommendation to the Governor: Trustee Reappointments

Background

Six trustees named below have their terms expiring on June 30, 2022.

1. Trustee Jeremy Brown was appointed to the Board for his second term on July 1, 2018. His term is scheduled to end June 30, 2022 and he is willing to serve another four-year term in an at-large position.
2. Trustee Kathleen Hill was appointed to the Board for her second term on July 1, 2018. Her term is scheduled to end June 30, 2022 and she is willing to serve another four-year term in an at-large position.
3. Trustee Vince Jones was appointed to the Board for his first full term on July 1, 2018. His term is scheduled to end June 30, 2022 and he is eligible and willing to serve a full four-year term in an at-large position.
4. Trustee Kelley Minty-Morris was appointed to the Board for her second term on July 1, 2018. Her term is scheduled to end June 30, 2022 and she is willing to serve another four-year term in an at-large position.
5. Trustee Mike Starr was appointed to the Board for his first term on December 17, 2018. His first term is scheduled to end June 30, 2022 and he is eligible and willing to serve a full four-year term in an at-large position.
6. Trustee Fred Ziari was appointed to the Board for his second term on July 1, 2018. His term is scheduled to end June 30, 2022 and he is willing to serve another four-year term in an at-large position.

Recommendation

- Make a motion to recommend to the Governor to reappoint Trustees Brown, Hill, Jones, Minty-Morris, Starr, and Ziari.

Attachments

None

ACTION

Agenda Item 3.2

Recommendation to the Governor: New Trustee Appointments

Background

Per University and Board Policies, it is the Board Chair's responsibility, in consultation with the Executive Committee, to make recommendation for appointments to the Board of Trustees to the Governor's Office.

At-large trustee positions 3, 10, and 12 are currently served by Trustees Graham, Gomez, and Stewart, respectively. These positions are scheduled to become vacant on June 30, 2022. Per Oregon Revised Statute, the Governor appoints and confirms new Trustees.

Per Board Policy, following a needs assessment, the President identifies potential candidates, and presents his recommendation to the Board Chair for consideration.

President is recommending the following three candidates for consideration.

- Stefan Bird
- Kanth Gopalpur
- Celia Nunez

If the Chair and Executive Committee concur with the President's recommendation, the names will be forwarded to the Governor for consideration consistent with the process identified by the Governor's office. If the Committee does not concur with the President's recommendation, it may direct the President to provide additional or alternative recommendations.

Recommendation

After review of their background and assessment of their interest to serve, the President recommends the Chair and Executive Committee make a motion recommending Stefan Bird, Kanth Gopalpur, and Celia Nunez to the Governor for appointment to the Board of Trustees as at-large members.

Attachments

Biographies of Bird, Gopalpur, and Nunez

Stefan Bird
President and Chief Executive Officer
Pacific Power

Stefan Bird is president and CEO of Pacific Power, a division of PacifiCorp serving 773,000 customers in 243 communities across Oregon, Washington, and California.

In his role, Bird also oversees the optimization of PacifiCorp's 16,500-mile transmission system spanning 10 states, its multi-state renewable resource and grid operations, commercial and risk management activities, as well as its Portland, Oregon-based corporate teams serving 1.9 million customers in Pacific Power and Rocky Mountain Power service areas. PacifiCorp is the largest regulated utility owner of wind resources in the West and operates the largest privately held grid in the West.

Under his leadership, the company is making historic investments in renewable energy and the transmission infrastructure needed to transform the West to a sustainable energy future. The investments emphasize a diversity of new renewable resources, storage, and modern grid technology. Taken together, they put PacifiCorp on the path to deliver the cleaner, affordable, and reliable energy the West needs to grow while dramatically reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Bird led the company's partnership with the California ISO in 2014 to develop a transformative Western U.S. energy market that maximizes renewable energy, grid reliability and lowers customer energy costs. Since its inception the market has saved customers across the West more than \$1.1 billion while simultaneously decarbonizing the Western grid. For PacifiCorp customers, market participation has delivered \$265 million in energy savings so far and reduced portfolio carbon emissions by over 20 million tons.

Bird joined Berkshire Hathaway Energy in 1998, serving as vice president of acquisitions and development, president and CEO of CalEnergy Generation U.S., and senior vice president, commercial and trading for PacifiCorp. Earlier in his career he served in various energy and international financial sector positions.

Bird serves on several nonprofit and public service organizations including as chairman, PacifiCorp Foundation; chairman, STEM Investment Council; chairman, CTE-STEM Employer Coalition; director, Oregon Business Council; member of board of trustees, Oregon Museum of Science and Industry; and member of the Governor's Wildfire Response Council.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Kansas State University. ■

Kanth Gopalpur
Principal
Kestrel Advisors

Kanth Gopalpur is an entrepreneur and angel investor who has been involved in Oregon's entrepreneurial ecosystem for over 25 years.

After helping found Powell's original online bookstore in 1995, he founded and was the CEO of software company Monsoon Works. Gopalpur led the company through 8 years of rapid, profitable growth. The company's more than 1,000 customers used its software to process more than \$1 billion in online sales. Monsoon Works appeared on the Inc. 500 list for three straight years and was sold to a private equity group in 2010 after which it grew to \$100M+ in annual revenue with over 150 employees in 3 locations.

In addition to Monsoon, Gopalpur was also the founder of two other companies - Thrift Recycling Management and Public Market. He is now principal of Kestrel Advisors and serves as an advisor and angel investor to tech startups.

Gopalpur currently serves as the chair of the Business Oregon Commission. In addition to being an ex-officio member of the Oregon Innovation Council, he also sits on the boards of Poached Jobs, the James Beard Public Market, and Elevate Capital. Previously Gopalpur served as Entrepreneur in Residence for Business Oregon and was on the board of the Oregon Growth Account, the Oregon Talent Council, and numerous private companies in and outside Oregon.

Gopalpur earned his bachelor's degree in History, Economics, and Political Science from Bangalore University in India and his Master's in International Studies from the University of South Carolina. ■

Celia Núñez
Executive Director
Chemeketa Center for Business and Industry

Celia Núñez is a former locally elected and appointed official, exceptional community college senior level administrator, proven policy advisor, and a proud Latina executive. She currently serves as the Executive Director of the Chemeketa Center for Business and Industry (CCBI) serving Marion, Polk, and Yamhill Counties. In this role, she leads the Chemeketa Community College's efforts to plan, organize and manage the outreach and coordination of services to business and industry. Prior to this role, Celia was the Director for the Chemeketa's Small Business Development Center (SBDC).

During her more than 30-years of working in both the private and public sectors, she has demonstrated a deep motivation to creating systemic, cultural, and policy changes to transform and support high quality business development opportunities, post-secondary education experiences, and workforce training. Genuinely described as a bridge-builder and visionary, she has with a long legacy of promoting economic development and equality for historically and currently underserved and under-resourced communities.

She served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Oregon Institute of Technology for one term during 2015-2019 and was a member of the Oregon Community Foundation's (OCF) Northern Willamette Valley Advisory Council for a decade, where she was instrumental in the establishment of OCF's Latino Partnership Project. For many years, Celia was a City Councilor and City Council President for the City of Wilsonville, Oregon. She is a proud Latina, bilingual and bicultural, with a high level of self-awareness and intellectual horsepower with an extensive interpersonal savvy.

Celia holds a Bachelor of Arts degree and a master's degree in Business Administration from George Fox University and is a proud graduate of the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Program. ■