
AGENDA

Meeting of the Executive Committee

If an Executive Session of the Executive Committee is called: *The Executive Committee may meet in Executive Session, per ORS 192.660(2)(f) and ORS 40.225 Rule 503 to consider information or records exempt by law from public inspection, including attorney-client privileged communication and per ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer. No final action will be taken during the executive session.*

- 1. Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum** *Chair John Davis*
- 2. Consent Agenda: Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of June 11, 2026** *Chair John Davis*
- 3. Implementation of HB 4079 (2026) and Board Resolution** *VP & General Counsel David Groff*
- 4. Board Retreat Topics and Preview** *Chair Davis and President Naganathan*
- 5. Leadership Discussion Items** *Chair Davis*
 - 5.1 Board Officers**
 - 5.2 Committee Assignments**
 - 5.3 Update on Comprehensive Presidential Evaluation** - *Executive Session may be called*
 - 5.4 Contract Extension Discussion – University President**
- 6. New Business/Other Business**
- 7. Adjournment**

All times and discussion lengths are estimated and approximate.

The Chair of the Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjust the agenda schedule and the length of agenda items.

Members of the Executive Committee (as of July 20, 2026)

Chair John Davis
AQSS Co-Chair Cecelia Amuchastegui
AQSS Co-Chair Celia Núñez
FF&A Chair David Cauble
Stefan Bird
Dr. Johnnie Early
Kanth Gopalpur
President Nagi Naganathan (*Ex-Officio*)

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Minutes: June 11, 2026

Executive Committee MINUTES

Member Trustees present:

Chair John Davis
Vice Chair Vince Jones
Cecelia Amuchastegui
David Cauble
Dr. Johnnie Early
Kanth Gopalpur
Celia Nuñez
President, Dr. Nagi Naganathan (*Ex-Officio*)

Other Trustees in attendance:

Kim Faks
Don Gentry
Dr. Mark Neupert

Executive Committee Member Trustee(s) not in attendance:

Stefan Bird

University Staff and Faculty Present:

Dr. Abdy Afjeh, Sr. VP of Research and Graduate Studies
Dr. Mandi Clark, VP of Student Affairs
Dr. Hesham El-Rewini, Provost and Sr. VP, Academic Affairs and Strategic Enrollment Management
Dr. Ken Fincher, VP of University Advancement and Executive Director, Oregon Tech Foundation
David Groff, Esq, General Counsel
John Harman, Sr. VP, Finance and Administration
Katie Harman Ebner, Strategic Communications Advisor (Acting Board Secretary)
Adria Paschal, Senior Executive Assistant, President's Office
Bryan Wada, Information Technology Specialist

1. **Call to Order/Roll/Declaration of a Quorum** *Chair John Davis*

Chair Davis called the meeting to order at **8:15 AM**. **Katie Harman Ebner** called the roll of Executive Committee members. A quorum was declared.

1.1 **Consent Agenda: Approval of the Minutes of the Special Executive Committee Meeting of March 13, 2026**

Chair Davis introduced the item. No comments or revisions were offered. There were **no abstentions or nay votes**. The minutes were **approved** unanimously.

2. **Governor's Trustee Appointments** *Chair Davis*

Chair Davis provided an update on the Governor's trustee appointments:

- **Reappointments:** The Governor has approved and forwarded to the Oregon State Senate for confirmation the reappointments of Trustees Gopalpur, Bird, Davis, and Nuñez, as well as the continuing faculty trustee appointment of Dr. Neupert.
- **New Trustee Nominees:** Dr. Arnel Fajardo and Christine ("Chris") Mangan were approved by the Governor as nominees for two vacant at-large trustee seats, consistent with the recommendations made by the Executive Committee at its March 13, 2026 special meeting. Dr. Fajardo has been involved with Oregon Tech through the OMIC R&D board and brings technology industry experience. Chris Mangan is an Oregon Tech alumna and biotech consultant.
- **Student Trustee:** Cruz Collin has been nominated as the new voting student trustee. The Oregon Senate has scheduled the confirmation process for the Governor's nominees for June 17, 2026.
- **Committee Leadership:** Trustee David Cauble has agreed to serve as the incoming Chair of the Finance, Facilities & Audit Committee, succeeding Trustee Jones.

3. **Action Items**

Conferring of Honorary Doctorate Degree *President Nagi Naganathan*

President Naganathan presented a recommendation to confer Oregon Tech's first honorary doctorate degree upon Dr. Shereef Elnahal, President of OHSU and commencement speaker for the 2026 Klamath Falls ceremony. Dr. Elnahal is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University and holds an MD and MBA from Harvard. He has served as a White House Fellow and as Commissioner of Health in New Jersey, President and CEO of University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey, the principal academic medical center for Rutgers New Jersey Medical School, and Under Secretary for Health at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. President Naganathan noted that Oregon Tech and OHSU maintain active joint programs and partnerships, including graduate cohorts in physical therapy and nursing, and the committee recognized the significance of honoring a leader whose institution is a valued academic partner.

Action: A motion was made by **Trustee Amuchastegui** to approve the conferring of an honorary doctoral degree upon Dr. Shereef Elnahal. The motion was seconded by **Trustee Jones**. A roll call vote of Executive Committee members was conducted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Executive Session

Chair Davis introduced the topic of President's Contract Review by noting that the President's contract expires in June 2027 and that the Board is obligated to communicate a decision regarding contract extension to President Naganathan by the end of June 2026. Key elements of the discussion included:

Presidential Evaluation Process: The committee reviewed board policies governing the presidential evaluation process, including requirements for written reports, self-assessment timelines, and goal-setting responsibilities.

Comprehensive External Review: The committee discussed an ongoing comprehensive presidential review commissioned through an external consultant. The review process has included interviews with board members, faculty, staff, students, donors, and external stakeholders.

Continuity and Institutional Progress: Discussion included recognition of the value of continuity in institutional leadership and progress on strategic planning, enrollment growth, and student success during President Naganathan's tenure.

The Committee went into executive session per ORS 192.660(2)(i) to review and evaluate the employment-related performance of the chief executive officer.

Following the executive session, the Executive Committee returned to its public meeting. A motion was made by **Trustee Gopalpur** to authorize the Chair and Vice Chair to proceed with contract-extension negotiations with President Naganathan.

The motion was seconded by **Trustee Amuchastegui**. A roll call vote of Executive Committee members was conducted. **The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Other Business *Chair Davis*

Logistics for the upcoming board retreat and the spring commencement were discussed.

6. Adjournment at 9:37 AM

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

A recording of the meeting is available on the Oregon Tech website:

<https://www.oit.edu/trustees/meetings-events/recordings>

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Implementation of HB 4079
(2026) and Board Resolution

Enrolled House Bill 4079

Sponsored by Representative MCDONALD, Senator NERON MISSLIN, Representatives ANDERSEN, CHOTZEN, FRAGALA, RUIZ, Senator FREDERICK; Representatives EVANS, GAMBA, GOMBERG, GRAYBER, HUDSON, JAVADI, KROPF, MARSH, MCLAIN, MUNOZ, NELSON, NGUYEN D, NOSSE, PHAM H, RIEKE SMITH, SOSA, WALTERS, WISE, Senators CAMPOS, GELSER BLOUIN, GOLDEN, PATTERSON, PHAM K, REYNOLDS (Presession filed.)

CHAPTER

AN ACT

Relating to policies for when federal immigration authorities enter public education property; and prescribing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:

(a) “Community-based service provider” means a person that provides services to students at a school as a contractor, an agent or a volunteer.

(b) “Federal immigration authority” has the meaning given that term in ORS 180.805.

(c) “Immigration enforcement” has the meaning given that term in ORS 181A.822.

(d) “School district” includes a school district, an education service district and a public charter school.

(e) “School district board” includes a school district board, the board of directors of an education service district and the governing body of a public charter school.

(f) “School property” means any real property owned or controlled by or on behalf of a school district that is accessed by students of the school district on a regular basis, as determined by the school district board.

(2) Each school district board shall adopt a policy for providing notice when a federal immigration authority is confirmed to have entered school property for immigration enforcement. The policy must be consistent with applicable model policies published by the Attorney General as provided by ORS 180.810.

(3) The policy adopted under this section must:

(a) Identify at least one administrator for the school district, or at least one designee of the administrator, who shall be designated to:

(A) Confirm that a federal immigration authority has entered school property for immigration enforcement; and

(B) Provide notice when a federal immigration authority is confirmed to have entered school property for immigration enforcement.

(b) Require that, unless otherwise prohibited by law or court order, reasonable efforts are made to provide notice to a student, or to the parent or guardian of a student, when the school district has provided information related to the student to a federal immigration authority.

- (c) Identify which grades of students will receive a notice under this section.
- (d) Provide a process by which a community-based service provider may elect to receive notices under paragraph (e) of this subsection.
- (e) Require that notice that a federal immigration authority is confirmed to be present on school property for immigration enforcement is provided to:
 - (A) Students who attend the school where the federal immigration authority is confirmed to be on school property for immigration enforcement and who are in grades identified in paragraph (c) of this subsection;
 - (B) The parents or guardians of students attending the school where the federal immigration authority is confirmed to be on school property for immigration enforcement;
 - (C) Employees of the school where the federal immigration authority is confirmed to be on school property for immigration enforcement; and
 - (D) Community-based service providers that have elected to receive notice when a federal immigration authority is confirmed to be on school property for immigration enforcement.
- (f) Specify the contents and delivery requirements of the notice required under paragraph (e) of this subsection, including the requirements that the notice:
 - (A) Must include at least the following information:
 - (i) The general location of the federal immigration authority; and
 - (ii) Whether classes or school operations are affected by the presence of the federal immigration authority.
 - (B) May not disclose any of the following information:
 - (i) Personally identifiable information; or
 - (ii) Other information that may not be legally disclosed.
 - (C) May not disclose information when the disclosure:
 - (i) May threaten the health or safety of the students or employees of the school district; or
 - (ii) Is prohibited by a court order.
 - (D) Must be provided as expeditiously as possible by existing methods used for providing electronic communications.
 - (g) Ensure compliance with ORS 180.805 and 181A.826 and any policies adopted based on a model policy published as provided by ORS 180.810.
 - (h) Require that training is provided to any person identified or designated as provided by paragraph (a) of this subsection. The training must, at a minimum:
 - (A) Include information on the requirements of this section and on any applicable model policies published by the Attorney General under ORS 180.810; and
 - (B) Be provided as initial training and then as subsequent training at least once every two years.
 - (i) Require that the policy adopted under this section be made available:
 - (A) In the student handbook; and
 - (B) On the school district's website in culturally appropriate languages that are used to communicate effectively with parents and guardians of students of the school district, as determined by the school district board.
 - (4) For the purpose of ORS 30.265 (5), any officer, employee or agent of a school district is immune from liability for any claim for injury to or death of any person or injury to property resulting from an act or omission made under this section if the act or omission was reasonable and made in good faith.

SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:

 - (a) "Campus" means real property owned or controlled by an institution of higher education that is accessed by students of the institution of higher education on a regular basis, as identified by the governing board of the institution of higher education.
 - (b) "Federal immigration authority" has the meaning given that term in ORS 180.805.
 - (c) "Governing board" means:

(A) The governing board of a public university listed in ORS 352.002.
(B) The board of education of a community college district.
(C) The Oregon Health and Science University Board of Directors.
(d) "Immigration enforcement" has the meaning given that term in ORS 181A.822.
(e) "Institution of higher education" means a public university listed in ORS 352.002, a community college operated under ORS chapter 341 or the Oregon Health and Science University.

(2) Each governing board shall adopt a policy for providing notice when a federal immigration authority is confirmed to have entered a campus for immigration enforcement. The policy must be consistent with applicable model policies published by the Attorney General as provided by ORS 180.810.

(3) The policy adopted under this section must:

(a) Identify at least one administrator for the institution of higher education, or at least one designee of the administrator, who shall be designated to:

(A) Confirm that a federal immigration authority has entered the campus for immigration enforcement; and

(B) Provide notice when a federal immigration authority is confirmed to have entered the campus for immigration enforcement.

(b) Identify the property that is considered the campus for the purpose of a notice.

(c) Require that, unless otherwise prohibited by law or court order, reasonable efforts are made to provide notice to a student when the institution of higher education has provided information related to the student to a federal immigration authority.

(d) Require that notice that a federal immigration authority is confirmed to be on campus is provided to:

(A) Students enrolled in the institution of higher education at the campus where the federal immigration authority is confirmed to be on campus for immigration enforcement; and

(B) Employees of the campus of the institution of higher education where the federal immigration authority is confirmed to be on campus for immigration enforcement.

(e) Specify the contents and delivery requirements of the notice required under paragraph (d) of this subsection, including the requirements that the notice:

(A) Must include at least the following information:

(i) The general location of the federal immigration authority; and

(ii) Whether classes or campus operations are affected by the presence of the federal immigration authority.

(B) May not disclose any of the following information:

(i) Personally identifiable information; or

(ii) Other information that may not be legally disclosed.

(C) May not disclose information when the disclosure:

(i) May threaten the health or safety of the students or employees of the institution of higher education; or

(ii) Is prohibited by a court order.

(D) Must be provided as expeditiously as possible by existing methods used for providing electronic communications.

(f) Ensure compliance with ORS 180.805 and 181A.826 and any policies adopted based on a model policy published as provided by ORS 180.810.

(g) Require that annual training is provided to any person identified or designated as provided by paragraph (a) of this subsection. The training must, at a minimum, include:

(A) Information on the requirements of this section and on any applicable model policies published by the Attorney General under ORS 180.810.

(B) Initial training, followed by subsequent training at least once every two years.

(h) Require that the policy adopted under this section be made available:

(A) On the websites of the institution of higher education in any languages that are regularly used to communicate effectively with the students of the campus, as determined by the governing board; and

(B) Any other locations where the institution of higher education provides information about immigration or emergencies.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3)(d) of this section, notice is not required to be provided when a federal immigration authority has entered campus for the purpose of accompanying a patient whom the federal immigration authority has brought to the campus for the purpose of receiving medical care or treatment.

(5) For the purpose of ORS 30.265 (5), any officer, employee or agent of an institution of higher education is immune from liability for any claim for injury to or death of any person or injury to property resulting from an act or omission made under this section if the act or omission was reasonable and made in good faith.

SECTION 3. No later than October 1, 2026, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission shall submit to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to education a report that summarizes for each institution of higher education the real property that has been identified by the governing board of the institution of higher education as a campus for the purpose of section 2 of this 2026 Act.

SECTION 4. This 2026 Act takes effect on September 30, 2026.

Passed by House February 17, 2026

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Timothy G. Sekerak, Chief Clerk of House

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Julie Fahey, Speaker of House

Passed by Senate March 2, 2026

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Rob Wagner, President of Senate

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Tina Kotek, Governor

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Resolution No. 26-01

Amendment to Board Policy on Delegation of Authority Relating to HB 4079 Compliance

WHEREAS,

House Bill 4079 (2026) requires the governing board of each public university to adopt a policy providing notice when a federal immigration authority is confirmed to have entered a campus for immigration enforcement and prescribes required elements of such policy; and

WHEREAS,

The Board of Trustees is the governing board of Oregon Institute of Technology for purposes of HB 4079 and possesses authority to organize the governance and administration of the University through Board policies and delegations of authority; and

WHEREAS,

The Board's Delegation of Authority Policy reflects the Board's longstanding governance approach of reserving matters of strategic and institutional significance while delegating administrative and operational responsibilities to the President, subject to Board oversight; and

WHEREAS,

Implementation of HB 4079 will require the development, administration, periodic review, and revision of operational policies, procedures, training programs, personnel designations, and compliance measures, including adaptation to future legal developments; and

WHEREAS,

The Board finds that such matters are administrative and operational in nature and are most effectively developed, implemented, and maintained through the University's established policy-development and shared-governance processes under the direction of the President;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Board of Trustees hereby amends the **Board Policy on Delegation of Authority** by adding the following new subsection to Section 2.8:

2.8.14 Policies Relating to Federal Immigration Enforcement Notifications.

In furtherance of the Board's responsibilities under HB 4079 (2026), the Board adopts this delegation of authority regarding federal immigration enforcement notification policies and delegates to the President authority to develop, adopt, implement, administer, and revise University policies, procedures, and operational protocols necessary to comply

with applicable law governing notification of federal immigration enforcement activity on University campuses.

Any policy adopted pursuant to this delegation shall be developed through the University's established policy-development and shared-governance processes, as appropriate, and shall remain consistent with applicable law and any Board actions.

The President may designate University officers and employees to carry out responsibilities assigned under such policies and may further delegate authority consistent with applicable law and Board action.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

This amendment shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall be incorporated into the Board Policy on Delegation of Authority.

ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of Oregon Institute of Technology on _____, 2026.

Board Chair

Secretary to the Board