

**Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
October 14, 2021**

**MINUTES**

**Call to Order and Preliminary Business**

Chair Santos called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Meese Room of the Hannon Library.

Board Members present for the meeting and dinner (\* indicates attendance only at the meeting portion of the interview):

Daniel Santos	Present	Lyn Hennion	Present
Jonathon Bullock	Present	Shaun Franks	Present
Barry Thalden	Present*	Debra Lee	Absent
Paul Nicholson	Present*	Mimi Pieper	Present
Deborah Rosenberg	Present	Steve Vincent	Present
Bill Thorndike	Present	Sheila Clough	Absent
janelle wilson	Present*		

Other meeting guests included: Dr. Chris Gilmer, presidential candidate; Sabrina Prud'homme, Board Secretary; and Pamela Tomac, Executive Assistant.

**Public Comment**

No one offered public comments.

**Candidate Interview for the Position of University President [Executive Session Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(a)]**

After welcoming Dr. Chris Gilmer, Chair Santos said the board would interview Dr. Chris Gilmer for the position of SOU President and would then move to the Ashland Springs Hotel for dinner and further discussion with Dr. Gilmer. Chair Santos advised those in attendance that the board would enter into executive session to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.

Chair Santos then recited applicable statutory provisions. Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (2)(a), the governing body of a public body would hold an executive session to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. Pursuant to ORS 192.660 (6), no final action would be taken nor final decision made in the executive session.

In addition to SOU board members, only the following persons were permitted to remain for the executive session: Dr. Chris Gilmer; University Board Secretary, Sabrina Prud'homme; and Executive Assistant, Pamela Tomac.

Although no members of the media were present, Chair Santos stated, for the record, pursuant to ORS 192.660(4), representatives of the news media shall be allowed to

attend this executive session. Representatives of the news media were specifically directed not to report on or otherwise disclose any of the deliberations or anything said about these subjects during the executive session, except to state the general subject of the session as previously announced. In addition, members of the media were respectfully directed not to record the executive session.

The board then began its executive session. At the conclusion of the executive session, Chair Santos returned the meeting to open session and welcomed attendees back into the room, though none were present. Chair Santos then temporarily adjourned the meeting to transition to dinner.

### **Dinner and Discussion with Candidate**

After arriving at 212 E. Main Street, Ashland, OR, the board reconvened. Trustee Debra Lee and guest Peter Sage joined dinner. Discussion ensued on various university, regional, and social topics among the trustees, Dr. Gilmer and invited guests.

### **Adjourn**

Chair Santos adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Date: January 21, 2022

Respectfully submitted by,



Sabrina Prud'homme  
University Board Secretary