

**Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
October 18, 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	Present
Paul Nicholson	Absent	Mimi Pieper	Present
Deborah Rosenberg	Present	Bill Thorndike	Present
Steve Vincent	Present*	Sheila Clough	Absent
janelle wilson	Present*		

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

**Public Comment**

No public comments were offered.

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

After welcoming Dr. Brock Tessman, Chair Santos said the board would interview Dr. Brock Tessman for the position of SOU President and would then move to the Ashland Hills Hotel for dinner and further discussion with Dr. Tessman. 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 may 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. Brock Tessman; 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. All other members of the audience, except designated staff, were asked to leave the room. 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 2525 Ashland Street, Ashland, OR, the board reconvened. Other attendees included Alex Bellen, Peter Sage, and Kristin Tessman. Discussion ensued on various social topics among the trustees, Dr. Tessman, 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