

**Eastern Oregon University
Board of Trustees
Governance Committee
January 28, 2026: 12:10 - 1:50 p.m.**

Meeting Location

Dixie Lund Conference Room, Inlow Hall 201, Eastern Oregon University, 1 University Blvd, La Grande, OR., and via YouTube Livestream at: <https://www.eou.edu/governance/>.

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Meeting Schedule

Times listed on the agenda are approximate. At the discretion of the Chair, the time and order of agenda items are subject to change.

Governance Committee Meeting Agenda: Wednesday, January 28, 2026

1. 12:10 - 12:15 p.m.: Context and Comment
 - a. Call to Order & Roll Call
 - b. Opening Announcements - Chris Burford, General Counsel and Board Secretary
 - c. Committee Chair Remarks - Tamra Mabbott
 - d. Public Comments
2. 12:15 - 12:30 p.m.: [Political \(Legislative Landscape\) Update](#), Tim Seydel, Vice President for University Advancement
3. 12:30 - 1:00 p.m.: [Discussion and Review of Proposal to Establish an Executive Committee](#), Chris Burford, General Counsel and Board Secretary
4. 1:00 - 1:15 p.m.: [Review Proposal to Reduce the Size of Standing Committees](#), Chris Burford, General Counsel and Board Secretary
5. 1:15 - 1:30 p.m.: [Charter Review Discussion](#), Chris Burford, General Counsel and Board Secretary
 - a. Review of Governance Committee Charter and Potential Updates
6. 1:30 - 1:40 p.m. - [Annual Review of the Board Evaluation Questionnaire](#), Chris Burford, General Counsel and Board Secretary
7. 1:40 - 1:45 p.m.: [EOU Alumni Association & Foundation Updates](#), Tim Seydel, Vice President for University Advancement
8. 1:40 - 1:45 p.m.: Trustee Recruitment Update, Tim Seydel, Vice President for University Advancement and Chris Burford, General Counsel and Board Secretary
 - a. Status update and upcoming needs
9. 1:45 - 1:50 p.m.: 2026 Retreat Planning Discussion and Closing Remarks