

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

Name: Elizabeth Durant

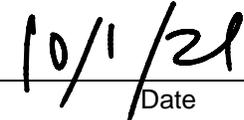
Region: Multnomah

District/ESD/CC: Parkrose School District

Position #: 17

I certify that if elected I will faithfully serve as a member of the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee. My nomination form has been submitted to OSBA (or is attached to this document) as evidence.


Name


Date

Be brief; please limit your responses to 50 words per question.

1. What do you want to accomplish by serving on the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)?

As an out queer parent, I want to lift up the concerns of LGBTQ+ students and families. I am passionate about student voice, and curious how we might intentionally invite student input into OSBA policies. As a long-time resident, I want to represent the diverse needs of East County.

2. What leadership skills do you bring to the LPC? Give an example of a situation in which you demonstrated these skills.

I'm a relentless advocate. Recently I worked, over a two-year period, to enact a national gender equity and safety commitment within my organization (the United Church of Christ). I mobilized a solid regional coalition, built national connections, and leveraged an education partner to accomplish this work.

3. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by OSBA?

We need adequate and sustainable **funding** for the State School Fund that frees us from the constant crisis of looming budget cuts. Despite recent **equity** legislation (HB2935, SB732), school districts remain entrenched in patterns of white supremacy. As the takeover and firing of superintendents across the state has shown, community accountability mechanisms are lacking.

4. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by your region?

Policing. Our region struggles with gun violence and excessive use of force by police officers that deeply impact communities of color. The policing system has a long history of racist behavior and broken promises for reform.

Funding. The tax base of older, retired, white homeowners are increasingly disconnected from schools which are majority students of color, often renters, immigrants and/or refugee.

5. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region about legislative issues?

I'm looking forward to communicating with and through the Multnomah Education Service District Regional School Board Equity Team and local community leaders.

Deadline: October 1, 2021, 5 p.m.

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CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

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District/ESD/CC: Parkrose #3

Term expires: 2025

Years on board: 2

Deadline: October 1, 2021, 5 pm

Please send your picture (head shot).

A high-resolution digital photo is preferred but a print is acceptable.

E-mail to OSBAelections@osba.org,

or mail to: Oregon School Boards Association, 1201 Court St NE, #400, Salem, OR 97301

Work or service performed for OSBA or local district (include committee name and if you were chair):

Parkrose Board of Education, Member (2019-2020), Chair (2021)

Multnomah Education Service District, Regional School Board Equity Team, Member (2019-present)

Sacramento Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization, Volunteer (2018-2020)

Other education board positions held/dates:

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Interim Pastor

Bridgeport United Church of Christ, Sabbatical Pastor

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Assistant Minister

Dates:

March 2021 to present

May 2019 to October 2019

July 2016 to February 2019

Schools attended (Include official name of school, where and when):

High school: Buena High School, Ventura, CA, 1988 to 1992

College: Willamette University, Salem, OR, 1992 to 1996; Marylhurst University, Marylhurst, OR, 2008 to 2013

Degrees earned:

Bachelor of Arts, Politics (with honors)

Master of Divinity (M.Div.)

Education honors and/or awards:

American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature (AAR/SBL) Annual Meeting, Presenter, 2015

National Endowment for the Humanities, Younger Scholar's Award, 1994

Other applicable training or education:

Sacred Conversations to End Racism, United Church of Christ (2019-2021)

Mental Health First Aid, NAMI (2018)

Activities, other state and local community services:

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Reckoning with Racism Cohort (2020-21)

Showing Up for Racial Justice, Interfaith Action Group (2015-17)

Oregon State Poetry Association, newsletter editor, poetry judge (2006-08)

Write Around Portland, workshop facilitator (2007-10)

Hobbies/special interests:

Writing, public speaking, sacred dance

Business/professional/civic group memberships; offices held and dates:

Central Pacific Conference of the United Church of Christ (tri-state organization)

Board of Directors, 2019-2020; Chair, Justice & Witness Ministries, 2018-2021

Additional comments:

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