

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

OSBA Board of Directors

Name: Erika Lopez _____ Region: Washington _____

District/ESD/CC: Hillsboro School District_1J _____ Position #: 20 _____

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

Erika Lopez

Name

9/30/2021

Date

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

1. Describe in your own words the mission and goals of OSBA.

OSBA supports and provides guidance to hundreds of locally-elected school board members who govern their local school districts through various forms of services and advocacy. OSBA goals are to support board members through training, leadership development, policy work, as well as legal and financial services. Through this support OSBA can build capacity for the equitable education of Oregon students.

2. What do you want to accomplish by serving on the OSBA board of directors?

I want to ensure our mission, goals and efforts center around our student needs and experience. That we make data driven decision to eliminate the opportunity gap across our state by being intentional, transparent, and accountable in our efforts. I want to also ensure we are providing the training necessary to equip our board members with the tools to govern on this transformative time in our nation.

3. What leadership skills do you believe you bring to the board of directors? Give an example of a situation in which you demonstrated these skills.

I have served as the Chair of my school board for the last two years only recently stepping down to pursue other leadership opportunities with OSBA. My leadership style working with our district cabinet is to be collaborative, innovative and resourceful.

I also serve on the OSBA Color Caucus (OSBACC) executive committee and as we continue to grow our understanding of the DEI work ahead of us I know it would be instrumental to increase our collaboration with OSBACC and partner with our DEI work.

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

- Training and capacity surrounding DEI principles and practices.
- Centering around student voices and outcomes vs. political agendas
- Providing support and training to boards that is focused on the needs and outcomes of students that are negatively impacted by the opportunity gap.

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

- Opportunity gap for our students of color
- National culture wars disrupting board work and student learning
- Career and technical training opportunities to prepare students with skills to be competitive in the tech workforce.

6. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region?

Figuring out ways to collaborate and support each other is one of the things I would like to tackle. I have been meeting one on one with newly elected board members in my region and explaining how OSBA supports their district and professional development. Expanding our regional meetings and at conferences to build a robust community across our region, maybe having a dashboard online to improve our communication.

Deadline: October 1, 2021, 5 pm

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CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

OSBA Board of Directors

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District/ESD/CC: Hillsboro School District 1J _____

Term expires: 2025 _____ Years on board: 4

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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):

- Budget Committee
- Contractor Selection Committee
- Audit Committee
- Board and Superintendent Student Input Team
- Bond Campaign- Successfully passed our bond renewal
- OSBA Color Caucus Director District 1
- OSBA Ad Hoc Committee
- Board Chair @ HSD 2019/20 & 2020/21
- HSD Strategic Plan Committee

Other education board positions held/dates:

N/A

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:		Dates:
Project Manager	Community Development Dept. – City of Hillsboro	11/2019- Current
Senior Buyer, CPPB	Finance Dept. - City of Hillsboro	08/2014- 11/2019
Accounting Assistant II	Information Systems Dept. - Washington County	08/2011- 8/2014

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

High school: Century High School/Miler Ed.

College: Portland Community College

Degrees earned: Associate of Science- Oregon Transfer – Business, Associate of Applied Science- Accounting

Education honors and/or awards:

Presidents list and Dean's list at PCC.

Other applicable training or education:

Certified Professional Public Buyer- Universal Public Procurement Certification Council (UPPCC)

Facilitator Training – Oregon Humanities

PSU Center for Executive and Professional Education:

- Business Communication
- Project Management

Activities, other state and local community services:

- Hillsboro Chamber's School-to-Career Program Volunteer
- Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Volunteer
- Century High School Jagz Dance Team Volunteer
- Centro Cultural de Washington County Silent Auction Committee Volunteer
- Coalition For Communities of Color Volunteer
- Speaker & Co-Facilitator on civic engagement workshops
- Mentor for Finance Dept. High School interns at City of Hillsboro

Hobbies/special interests:

Having lived in Oregon for over 25 years I'm deeply rooted and cherish our beautiful scenery and outdoor culture. My interests and hobbies are traveling, trying new things and meeting new people. My family and I enjoy the outdoors, especially the beach and I consider myself a foodie (food·ie, a person with interest in creative/new food creations). I enjoy being active in my community supporting our local community based organizations and spending time with my family.

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

- Scholarship Chair 2015-2017, Oregon Public Purchasing Association
- Merchandise Committee 2015- Current, Oregon Public Purchasing Association
- 2018 Buyer of the Year- Oregon Public Purchasing Association
- Member 2014- Current, Columbia Chapter NIGP
- Member 2019- Current Project Management Institution

Additional comments:

I would like to add that education has always been a passion of mine. As an adult I continue to strive to grow and learn and that is due to the great teachers and schools that helped develop a love for learning. I am passionate about contributing to an education system and culture that is inclusive and supports all of our students to be career and college ready.

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