



## OSBMCC General Meeting (Virtual)

January 16, 2021 (Sat), 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM

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## Agenda and Meeting Notes:

Members in attendance: Helen Ying, Bill Graupp, Donna Tyner, Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Amanda Orozio-Beach, Denyse Peterson, Jesse Lippold, Jessica Arzate, Kathy Wai, Laurie Danzuka, Linda Hamilton, Luhui Whitebear, Mayra Gomez, Neelam Gupta, Sahar Muranovic, Sonja McKenzie, Satya Chandragiri, and Janece Payne

Friends of the Caucus: Aaron Barrow, Jamie McLeod-Skinner, and Maureen Wolf

1) **Call to Order / Welcome** - Sami called the meeting to order at 9:05 am and welcomed all in attendance.

### 2) Updates on NSBA Conference Schedule / Scholarships

- **NSBA Advocacy Institute – Rescheduled to June 2021**

It's a powerful event. It's been rescheduled in hopes that it could be in-person. It's a valuable experience that all should consider to attend regardless if it's in-person or virtual.

We will know more about Caucus scholarship availability after the application deadline for the NSBA 2021 conference (2/8/2021).

- **Equity Online Symposium 2021 – February 10, Free**

Meet speakers from all over the country that focus on equity. It's another important space for gathering tools for your toolbox.

Go to [NSBA.com](http://NSBA.com) and click on the Event tab for details and registration.

- **NSBA 2021 Online Experience – April 8-10 (was NSBA Annual Conf)**

- \$600, Deadline for Registration is 2/18/2021
- **Scholarship Application Deadline is 2/8/2021**

It's another great learning opportunity to meet folks around the country including speakers and board members as well as network with other national affinity groups.

- **CUBE 2021 – No information posted yet**

Best equity conference available. Highly recommended!

### 3) Open Discussion - Upcoming Legislative Session

- Sami gave a shout out to the newly elected and appointed POC legislative members. He hopes to help connect the 3 color caucuses: The Oregon League of Cities Caucus of Color, Oregon Legislative POC Caucus and OSBMCC.
- Donna and Maureen shared about a good session the Washington County School Districts Board Members had with their state senators and representatives.
- **What bills should be tracked?**
  - i) Satya asked about “All Students Belong” – how can we support to make this a law?
  - ii) Helen shared about [HB 2942](#). A bill that brought forth by MESD - removes certain nonviolent crimes from list of crimes that automatically make person ineligible to hold license or registration issued by Teacher Standards and Practices Commission if person has been convicted of crime.
  - iii) Jessica shared about [HB 2678](#) – Establishes ranked choice voting as voting method for selecting winner of nomination for and election to nonpartisan state offices and county and city offices except where home rule charter applies. Would this benefit the marginalized candidates/candidates of color or harm them?
  - iv) Jamie shared about a School Safety bill - The bill calls for a silent panic alarm in Oregon schools that is a direct link to emergency management services, the unique feature of this

system is that it is application cell phone-based, therefore requires no hardwiring and is exponentially cost-effective in comparison to other systems that require hardwiring. The system allows law enforcement and other services to know the precise location of the emergency, which is especially relevant with some schools no longer employing SRO's on school campuses. No bill number yet.

v) Sami shared about Internet Access – Rural bills

Oregon Broadband Advisory Council presented a report to Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology. (sections on education are identified in pages 97 and 140) here is the

report: [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen\\_engagement/Reports/OBAC%202020%20Report%2011-1-2020.pdf](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/citizen_engagement/Reports/OBAC%202020%20Report%2011-1-2020.pdf)

Here are several bills that relate to broadband access:

[SB 290](#) [2021] Directs Oregon Business Development Department to study rural broadband access in this state.

[SB 615](#) [2021] Establishes Low Income Broadband Bill Payment Assistance Fund.

[HB 2410](#) [2021] Prohibits public bodies from contracting with broadband Internet access service providers that do not offer low income rate program that meets minimum standards established by Public Utility Commission by rule.

vi) Amanda shared about Free Menstrual Products in Oregon Schools - drafted and submitted the LC last week and it is still being worked on. No bill numbers or official language yet.

vii) Sami shared in Chat: Article published yesterday about legislative priorities and bills introduced by legislature's BIPOC Caucus [https://www.oregonlive.com/politics/2021/01/police-accountability-tops-2021-agenda-for-oregon-legislatures-black-indigenous-and-people-of-color-caucus.html?fbclid=IwAR2zImB5EId2r6f\\_hQBnf9DiT\\_6TMc4oNPePoVsdApHkC5vxJgeA9YMKKNu](https://www.oregonlive.com/politics/2021/01/police-accountability-tops-2021-agenda-for-oregon-legislatures-black-indigenous-and-people-of-color-caucus.html?fbclid=IwAR2zImB5EId2r6f_hQBnf9DiT_6TMc4oNPePoVsdApHkC5vxJgeA9YMKKNu)

- viii) Helen added after the meeting: [SB 227](#)- Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Department of Education for Educator Advancement Council to provide professional learning opportunities related to ethnic studies standards adopted by department.

Sami will keep all members in the loop as we hear between now and the next Caucus general meeting.

- **Past Education Bills – Implementation Tracking**
  - i) Robust implementation of plans in the Student Success Act
  - ii) Implementation of the Ethnic Studies Bills
    - a. HB 2845 (2017) and HB 2023 (2019)
    - b. From Neelam Gupta. Re: HB 2845/2023, LOSD will be introducing two ethnic studies courses. This is coming for approval by the school board later this month.

#### 4) Caucus Budget Proposal Suggestions for 2021/2022 OSBA

- Caucus line item in the OSBA budget is \$42,000
- Past focus has been on professional development. Should we keep it the same?
- 25% goes to cover meeting expenses
- 60% for scholarships

#### Recommendations:

- Approach our work with an asset-based mindset
- Invest in people of color running for school board
- Bring consultants as resource to caucus members
- Help build network for mentorship and role models for students of color
- Bring national recognized speakers to Oregon for caucus members
- Conduct local surveys and studies using POC and school boards, and candidates training
- It would also be cool to create some type of publication for community members across the state: not just for campaigns but to help folks see themselves as part of school boards

## 5) Upcoming 2021 May Elections (source Multnomah County)

- Last day to file – March 18
- Voters' Pamphlet Deadline – March 22
- Election Day – May 18

### Get on Board Campaign – Webinar

Free webinar for everyone. Great opportunity to help build capacity. Get involved and share with others who could benefit.

- <https://getonboardoregon.org/webinars/>  
Board and Student Panel Discussion/Q&A  
Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 12 p.m.
- Another webinar: Information Session  
WATCH THE RECORDING:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZEJWqdmwkjc&feature=youtu.be>

More will be shared via email as well.

- Could the Caucus schedule a session to support people of color running for election or re-election? Given the political climate we are in, there is quite a bit of anxiety that candidates are experiencing.
- Here is a how-to workbook on scrubbing personal information from the internet <https://inteltechniques.com/data/workbook.pdf>
- This podcast page has a huge amount of information around protecting personal information and foiling hackers  
<https://gimletmedia.com/shows/reply-all/v4he6k>

## 6) Upcoming Issues

- Reopening Schools / In-Person Meetings
- Ready Schools – Safe Learner Update
- Families in Crisis – How to support
- COVID Testing / Vaccine Education and Distribution
- Equity in Hybrid Learning

A short discussion ensued on the topics above with members sharing about what their school districts are doing.

Sami will call a special Caucus General meeting to discuss the topics related to school reopening and what are some ways to ensure safety for all.

- February 20, 2021, 9 to 10:30 am
- Round table discussion on the above topics and related issues.

#### 7) Salem-Keizer SB Report from Exec Team

Sami reported that the Exec Team met with Jim Green about our concerns. We are not satisfied with the outcomes and harm has occurred. We need to work actively to reverse it. Representative Evan is wrong in what he did. School board is a separate elected body and should not be controlled by the state legislature. Elected of color should be respected. **We may not always agree on the issues but it's important that we have a process in place to support the members of color**

#### 8) Open Topics – General Floor Discussion

Sahar – newly elected commissioner, Mark Shull posed extremely harmful comments toward the Muslim community, black community, and LGBTQ community.

Mark Shull's statements: <https://sites.google.com/view/documenting-mark-shulls-racism/home>

Elected Leaders Call for Resignation:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevl1QMEK9NyZMUMVEJh8b\\_FifBqgtofBeBa2E3H37N5Hkhg/viewform?gxids=7628](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevl1QMEK9NyZMUMVEJh8b_FifBqgtofBeBa2E3H37N5Hkhg/viewform?gxids=7628)

Sonja made a motion for the Caucus to write a letter to Commissioner Shull asking for his resignation from his elected office due to the hurtful posts and the call to harmful actions. Donna seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Caucus leadership will write the letter and send it to him and make the letter public via OSBA and to the editors of the Oregonian and local papers in the Metro area. To be done by next Friday. All are invited to write personal statements as well.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.