# OSBA Board of Directors CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Term expires: June 2027 Years on board:	
Region: Marion	Position #: Board Director position 11
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 evide	ence.
Satyanarayana Chandragiri MD	08/08/2025
Name	Date

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

Membership organization that works to prepare every school board director in our state to be the best possible advocate for the public schools to prepare every student to achieve the best possible thriving life trajectory and succeed academically and become a contributing person. OSBA will use an equity framework, advocate for a stable and optimum funding model that is based on actual costing for adequacy and equity, help close disparity gaps, catch up pandemic learning losses, prevent future challenges in labor relationships while also adapting to the potential policy and funding changes that comes with the new Trump/Vance administration.

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

- 2. What do you want to accomplish by serving on the OSBA board of directors?
  - 1. Advocate for a stable and responsive public school funding model- reflect the current costing, must be adequate, equitable, takes into consideration the increasing PERS burden, capital expenses, additional cost due to mental health and disability, optimal class sizes, tied to student outcome and prepare us for any potential changes in the federal school funding-Title 1, special Ed 2. Trauma informed school Culture that focuses on safety, sense of belonging for all, free from bullying and violence and increase the Special Education Funding cap from 11% to 15% as schools are struggling.
- 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 a psychiatrist in 3 countries with culturally, ethnically and linguistically diverse communities in the last 38years. I continue to serve as a Medical Director in Eastern Oregon CCO serving the 90,000 medicaid recipients in the 12 Rural and Frontier Eastern Oregon counties. My work spans many rural and urban counties in Oregon, I have learned to head towards the challenges, listen and understand in arriving at policy solutions and bring communities (even with opposing perspectives) together. Skills used-co-chair of Braver Angels of Salem to reduce political polarization in our communities, during COVID-19 pandemic, school funding challenges, reduction in workforce, tough union bargaining, first school suicide prevention policy in our state, expanding dual language immersion and expansion policy.

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- 4. What do you see as the two most challenging issues faced by OSBA?
  - 1. Need accurate costing and adequate public school funding, review and revise the 30 years old archaic funding model, a new costing study that emphasis adequacy and equity, and fied to academic outcomes and optimal class size. 2. Review and repeal unfunded mandates, need fiscal impact and implementation analysis, refocus on highest academic outcomes and measurable outcomes with urgent attention to closing the disparity gaps. Ensure federal block grants must reach the school level by reducing the administration burden, upholding transparency and accountability.
- 5. What do you see as the two most challenging issues faced by your region?
  - 1. Current unsustainable school funding model as we can not sustain reduction in workforce without impacting student outcomes. Smaller school districts will clearly struggle as they have less financial buffer. 2. Workforce (recruitment and retention) with diverse cultural and linguistic competency as we have large number of emerging multilingual learners. Legislative support for various pathways including H1B and other skill based visa programs, loan forgiveness, funding tuition assistance, and recruitment incentives.
- 6. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region?

One to one contact with board directors, contact all regional boards, share my email and cell phone numbers and regularly email a summary to all the regional board chairs and secretaries for distribution. I will meet and listen to the needs, issues and suggestions either in person or via a zoom or teams meetings, meet during the OSBA conferences, request the directors to me join me during lobby days, meet local legislators, committee chairs, solicit public support, write or speak to the media

Please continue to the next section.

# OSBA Board of Directors CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

Work or service performed for OSBA or local district (include committee name and if you were chair): Second term as Salem Keizer school board director zone 4, served as chair July 2021- July 2022, previously as LPC member

#### Other education board positions held/dates:

Past President Oregon Psychiatric Association 2012

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. GOBHI, part of Eastern Oregon CCO Self employed Chandras Clinic, PC

Dates: GOBHI since 2018Chandras Clinic PC since 2007

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

High school: Kendriya Vidyalaya, Bangalore India graduated in 1979

College:

Bangalore Medical College India 1981-87; National institute of mental health neurosciences 1987-90, Temple Univ 1996-2000

Degrees earned: MD

psychiatry

#### Education honors and/or awards:

Access award Oregon psychiatric association for service to rural and frontier Oregon 2012League of Minority Voters Liberty and Hope Award 2023

#### Other applicable training or education:

#### Activities, other state and local community services:

Past president India US friendship associationCo Chair Braver Angels of Salem

### Hobbies/special interests:

Cooking, traveling, languages and Photography

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

American Psychiatric Association, Oregon Psychiatric Physician association

#### Additional comments: