



## OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION OSBA Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, November 10, 2024

*Marriott Portland Downtown Waterfront, 1401 SW Naito Pkwy, Portland, Oregon 97201*

### Meeting Minutes

*OSBA board members in attendance at meeting start:* President Sami Al-Abdrabbuh; President-elect Chris Cronin; Vice President Emily Smith; Secretary-treasurer Dawn Watson; Kraig Albright; Jeffrey Crapper; Jackie Crook; Laurie Danzuka; Katrina Doughty (Zoom); Meelam Gupta; Linda Hamilton; Kris Howatt; Tristan Irvin; Greg Kintz; Kristy Kottkey; Steve Lowell (Zoom); Alonso Oliveros; Chrissy Reitz; Nichole Schott; Nancy Thomas; Glenn Wachter; Austin Fohnagy (ex-officio)

*OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start:* Executive Director Emielle Nischik, Chief Legal Officer and Interim Deputy Executive Director Haley Percell, PACE Administrator Dave Harvey, Director of Policy Services Spencer Lewis, Director of Board Development Kristen Miles, Communications and News Specialist Jake Arnold, Events Specialist Charissa Geib, Information Technology Analyst Henry van Vuuren, Executive Assistant La'Nell Trissel

*Guests in attendance at meeting start:* Bob Steringer, Harrang Long P.C.; Jeff Carew, PMA Financial Network, LLC; Michele Wiberg, PMA Financial Network, LLC

*OSBA board members not in attendance at meeting start:* Sonja McKenzie

#### **President Al-Abdrabbuh called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.**

##### **I. Welcome, introductions, and roll call**

President Al-Abdrabbuh welcomed everyone to the meeting, provided open remarks, thanked staff for their hard work over the year - especially for the work towards putting on such a successful event, and introduced guests.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

##### **II. Approve agenda**

**Motion: Emily Smith moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Kris Howatt.**

**There being no votes in opposition, the motion passed unanimously.**

##### **III. Consent agenda**

###### **III.A. Approval of minutes**

September 11, 2024, Board of Directors Special meeting  
September 13-15, 2024, Board of Directors meeting

###### **III.B. Acceptance of minutes**

October 8, 2024, OSBA Executive Committee meeting

III.C. 2025 Board Calendar of OSBA, LPC, NSBA, and PACE events

III.D. Place and time of the 2025 Annual Membership meeting: The OSBA 2024 Annual Membership meeting will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2025, at the OSBA Annual Convention in Portland, Oregon.

**Motion: Kris Howatt moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Chris Cronin.**

**There being no votes in opposition, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### IV. School Investment Pool

President Al-Abdrabbuh introduced Jeff Carew and Michele Wiberg from PMA Financial Network.

Carew and Wiberg presented on PMA Financial Network's project to provide future alternative investing opportunities for education entities in the state of Oregon.

*\*\* Jeff Carew and Michele Wiberg left the meeting at 9:52 a.m. \*\**

#### V. OSBA Policy 3210 - Finance Committee and OSBA Policy 3300 Budget Committee

President Al-Abdrabbuh introduced policy 3210 and 3300 and yielded the floor to Director of Policy Services Spencer Lewis.

Lewis provided an overview of the proposed changes to policies 3210 Finance Committee and 3300 Budget Committee; highlighting the substantial impacts and benefits of combining the work of both committees into a single Finance Committee and eliminating the Budget Committee. Lewis also noted the proposed housekeeping changes to policies 3100 Board Committees and 4100 Budget resulting from the proposed consolidation of the Finance and Budget committees.

**Motion: Chris Cronin moved the Board adopt the revisions to Policy 3100 - Board Committee, Policy 3210 - Finance Committee, and Policy 4100 - Budget as presented. Seconded by Greg Kintz.**

**There being no votes in opposition, the motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion: Chris Cronin moved the Board delete Policy 3300 - Budget Committee. Seconded by Kris Howatt.**

**There being no votes in opposition, the motion passed unanimously.**

#### VI. Recognition of Board members with terms expiring Dec. 31

President Al-Abdrabbuh yielded the floor to President-elect Cronin who recognized President Al-Abdrabbuh's outstanding service to the Board, the Association, and the school children of Oregon through her term as OSBA Board President and presented her with a token of appreciation from the Board.

Al-Abdrabbuh then recognized the outgoing members of the OSBA Board of Directors, Past President Sonja McKenzie, Director Jeff Crapper, and Director Neelam Gupta.

*\*\*Katrina Doughty left the meeting at 10:09 a.m. \*\**

#### VII. Convention debrief

President Al-Abdrabbuh introduced Director of Board Development Kristen Miles.

Miles thanked individual staff members who were key in putting on such a successful event, then highlighted attendance numbers, event high-points, and attendee feedback. Miles thanked the

Board for their participation as presiders and requested that everyone fill out the survey to provide additional feedback.

Additional discussion took place about the lowered attendance, exhibitor location, the success of the ORSBMC Scholarships for Annual Conference attendance, and the land acknowledgment. Individual Board members provided additional appreciation to specific staff for the event's success. Executive Director Nischik thanked Miles and her staff for not only providing a successful event but going above and beyond to provide significant event improvements during such a difficult year.

#### VIII. Closing

President Al-Abdrabbuh provided closing remarks in acknowledgment of the Board work that was completed over the year and thoughts for moving into the new year.

#### IX. Meeting adjourns

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 a.m.**