



OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION Executive Committee

Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 12:00 PM

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

OSBA committee members in attendance at meeting start: President Chris Cronin; President-elect Emily Smith, Vice President Dawn Watson; Secretary-treasurer Chrissy Reitz; Past President Sami Al-Abdrabbuh

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Emielle Nischik; Chief Legal Officer and Interim Deputy Executive Director Haley Percell; Executive Assistant La’Nell Trissel

President Cronin called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

I. Welcome and roll call

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

President Cronin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Approve agenda

Sami Al-Abdrabbuh moved approval of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Chrissy Reitz.

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

Sami Al-Abdrabbuh: Yea

Chrissy Reitz: Yea

Dawn Watson: Yea

Chris Cronin: Yea

Emily Smith: Yea

III. Receive feedback on previous Board meetings

President Cronin introduced the agenda item for reviewing feedback on previous Board meetings and mentioned that many Board members didn't know that there was a feedback process.

Further discussion took place regarding including more time for discussion on important issues, the meeting being monopolized by a few members, adjusting the agenda order to maximize guest/staff presenters, the potential delegation to executive director/staff/committees, how to manage board member participation, how to focus the members on critical work, potentially putting time limits on member contribution and inviting input from individuals who have not otherwise contributed, potential use of chat to reduce nonessential discussions, distribution of feedback, newer board members feeling like they haven't had the opportunity to contribute, keeping track of the time allocated to each agenda item and reminding the board when it is over time, adding a break for evening meetings so that there is time to eat, reminding individuals that bring up discussions from prior meetings that the item is not on the agenda and can be discussed offline with the President or the Executive Director, and how to increase participation in the meeting feedback surveys - potentially going back to printed surveys with rewards at the door for turning it in or Executive Committee text or email reminders.

IV. Overview of NSBA annual convention, Rural Summit pre-con, and delegates assembly

The Committee discussed attendance and logistics for attending the NSBA Annual Conference, and Delegate Assembly content.

V. For the good of the order and requests for future Executive Committee agenda topics

No issues were raised during this agenda item.

VI. Meeting adjourns

The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.