



# OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

## Policy Committee

Tuesday, July 8, 2025, 8:00 AM

*Via Zoom*

## Meeting Minutes

*OSBA board members in attendance at meeting start:* Chair Dawn Watson; Chris Cronin; Kris Howatt

*OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start:* Executive Director Eimelle Nischik; Chief Legal Counsel and Interim Deputy Executive Director Haley Percell; Director of Policy Services Spencer Lewis; Executive Assistant La'Nell Trissel

**The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.**

I. Welcome and roll call

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. Approve agenda

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

**A voice vote was taken. There being no votes in opposition, the motion passed unanimously.**

Chris Cronin: Yea

Kris Howatt: Yea

Dawn Watson: Yea

III. Approve minutes

**Motion: Kris Howatt moved to approve the prior meetings minutes as presented.**

**A voice vote was taken. There being no votes in opposition, the motion passed unanimously.**

Chris Cronin: Yea

Kris Howatt: Yea

Dawn Watson: Yea

IV. Review Sections 1000-3000

Director of Policy Services Spencer Lewis provided a quick review of all changes, highlighting those that had been made in the last meeting, expressly noting that Appendix 1000 would be included in the changes presented to the Board and that Policy 2700 were on hold for additional review.

Additional discussion took place during the review of Policy 2150 about what would happen if there were more than two vacancies at a time.

**Motion: Kris Howatt moved to recommend the proposed edits to Sections 1000-3000 of the OSBA Policy Manual to the OSBA Board for adoption as presented. Seconded by Chris Cronin.**

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

Chris Cronin: Yea

Kris Howatt: Yea

Dawn Watson: Yea

V. Review Sections 4000-6000

Director Lewis provided review of the changes being proposed, expressly noting that Policy 4700, 4800, and 4900 were on hold for additional review.

Additional discussion took place during the review of Policy 4800 regarding how personal credit card and hotel rewards are impacted, and implications for Board members who do not have credit cards; Policy 4900 regarding historical perspectives, current scholarship awards, and potentially providing the Board with key talking points and explanations when this policy goes to vote; Policy 6100 adding Board notification; and Policy 6300 regarding the potential to bring back OSBA Board scholarships for OSBA events, the need for additional parameters for receiving such scholarships, and additional information on nationwide and statewide comparisons.

**Motion: Kris Howatt moved to recommend the proposed edits to Sections 4000-6000 of the OSBA Policy Manual to the OSBA Board for adoption as presented. Seconded by Chris Cronin.**

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

Chris Cronin: Yea

Kris Howatt: Yea

Dawn Watson: Yea

VI. Meeting adjourns

Director Lewis committed to creating a crosswalk to be presented with the proposed policy changes for Board reference, noted that sections 7000 and 8000 will be reviewed by the Committee after the completion of the collective bargaining agreement, and flagged that the policies that are on hold will be brought back to the Committee upon collection of additional information.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:06 a.m.**