



OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, November 9, 2025

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

Meeting Minutes

OSBA board members in attendance at meeting start: President Chris Cronin; Vice President Dawn Watson; Secretary Treasurer Chrissy Reitz; Tracy Adevai; Kraig Albright; Jackie Crook; Laurie Danzuka; Katrina Doughty; José Gamero-Georgeson; Kris Howatt; Tristan Irvin; Greg Kintz; Steve Lowell; Alonso Oliveros; Nichole Schott; Randy Shaw; Nancy Thomas; Luhui Whitebear; Past President Sami Al-Abdrabbuh (ex-officio)

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Emielle Nischik, Chief Legal Officer and Interim Deputy Executive Director Haley Percell, Director of Board Development Kristen Miles, PACE Administrator Dave Harvey, Event Manager Charissa Geib, Information Technology Analyst Henry van Vuuren, Executive Assistant La’Nell Trissel

OSBA board members not in attendance at meeting start: Karina Guzmán Ortiz; Linda Hamilton; David Jaimes; Glenn Wachter

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. Welcome, introductions, and roll call

President Cronin welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll call was taken, a quorum was present.

II. Approve agenda

Motion: Kraig Albright moved approval of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Kris Howatt.

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

Tracy Adevai: Yea

Kraig Albright: Yea

Chris Cronin: Yea

Jackie Crook: Yea

Laurie Danzuka: Yea

Katrina Doughty: Yea

José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea

Karina Guzmán Ortiz: Absent

Linda Hamilton: Absent

Kris Howatt: Yea

Tristan Irvin: Yea

David Jaimes: Absent

Greg Kintz: Yea

Steve Lowell: Yea

Alonso Oliveros: Yea

Chrissy Reitz: Yea

Nichole Schott: Yea

Randy Shaw: Yea

Nancy Thomas: Yea

Glenn Wachter: Absent

Dawn Watson: Yea

Luhui Whitebear: Yea

III. Consent agenda

III.A. Approval of minutes - ADOPT

September 12-14, 2025, Board of Directors special meeting
October 15, 2025, Board of Directors special meeting

III.B. Acceptance of minutes - INFORMATION

September 10, 2025, OSBA Executive Committee special meeting
October 14, 2025, OSBA Executive Committee meeting

III.C. 2026 OSBA Board of Directors Calendar of Events - INFORMATION

III.D. Updated OSBA Board Processes - INFORMATION

Instructions - Directory of Governance Documents
Process - OSBA Liaison Opportunities
Process - Regional OSBA Board Gathering Stipend

III.E. Place and time of the 2026 Annual Membership meeting – INFORMATION

The OSBA 2026 Annual Membership meeting will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at the OSBA Annual Convention in Portland, Oregon.

Motion: José Gamero-Georgeson moved approval of the consent agenda as presented. Seconded by Katrina Doughty.

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

Tracy Adevai: Yea	Linda Hamilton: Absent	Nichole Schott: Yea
Kraig Albright: Yea	Kris Howatt: Yea	Randy Shaw: Yea
Chris Cronin: Yea	Tristan Irvin: Yea	Nancy Thomas: Yea
Jackie Crook: Yea	David Jaimes: Absent	Glenn Wachter: Absent
Laurie Danzuka: Yea	Greg Kintz: Yea	Dawn Watson: Yea
Katrina Doughty: Yea	Steve Lowell: Yea	Luhui Whitebear: Yea
José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea	Alonso Oliveros: Yea	
Karina Guzmán Ortiz: Absent	Chrissy Reitz: Yea	

IV. Executive Director Update

Director Nischik provided an update on the recently completed Fall Regional meetings, then provided an update on the impact that our advocacy has had on state-level accountability work, which has been put on hold until January 2026.

V. Recognition of Board members with terms expiring Dec. 31

Executive Director Nischik recognized the incoming officers.

Cronin then acknowledged outgoing members of the Board including Past President Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Director Linda Hamilton, and Director Glenn Wachter.

President-elect Watson then celebrated President Cronin'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.

VI. Nomination of NSBA Officer

President Cronin introduced the agenda item and opened the floor for a motion.

*** Linda Hamilton joined the meeting at 9:24 a.m. ***

*** Linda Hamilton left the meeting at 9:30 p.m. ***

Motion: Katrina Doughty moved the board nominate Sami Al-Abdrabbuh as a candidate for the position of NSBA Secretary-Treasurer for the 2025-2026 term. Seconded by Nancy Thomas.

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

Tracy Adevai: Yea	Linda Hamilton: Absent	Nichole Schott: Yea
Kraig Albright: Yea	Kris Howatt: Yea	Randy Shaw: Yea
Chris Cronin: Yea	Tristan Irvin: Yea	Nancy Thomas: Yea
Jackie Crook: Yea	David Jaimes: Absent	Glenn Wachter: Absent
Laurie Danzuka: Yea	Greg Kintz: Yea	Dawn Watson: Yea
Katrina Doughty: Yea	Steve Lowell: Yea	Luhui Whitebear: Yea
José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea	Alonso Oliveros: Yea	
Karina Guzmán Ortiz: Absent	Chrissy Reitz: Yea	

VII. Oregon School Board Members PRIDE Advisory Committee

President Cronin introduced the agenda item and yielded the floor to Director Doughty. Director Doughty provided an update on the Oregon School Board Members PRIDE Advisory Committee, noting that the proposed charter included in the meeting packet is draft and subject to legal review, and that the draft committee budget will maintain its original intention but will be aligned with the OSBA 2025-26 adopted budget.

Further discussion took place regarding an overview of the process for legal review and additional context was provided on what will be included in the review; clarification on financial process and impacts; questions about the difference between a caucus and an advisory committee; the membership's concerns about the long-term sustainability of a caucus model as opposed to the intent of the group itself; appreciation for Director Doughty's work to organize the advisory committee; and a continued statement of need.

Motion: Nancy Thomas moved the board to approve the charter pending legal and financial reviews. Seconded by Tristan Irvin.

There being two votes in opposition, the motion passed with a majority.

Tracy Adevai: Yea	Linda Hamilton: Absent	Nichole Schott: Yea
Kraig Albright: Yea	Kris Howatt: Yea	Randy Shaw: Yea
Chris Cronin: Yea	Tristan Irvin: Yea	Nancy Thomas: Yea
Jackie Crook: Nay	David Jaimes: Absent	Glenn Wachter: Absent
Laurie Danzuka: Yea	Greg Kintz: Nay	Dawn Watson: Yea
Katrina Doughty: Yea	Steve Lowell: Yea	Luhui Whitebear: Yea
José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea	Alonso Oliveros: Yea	
Karina Guzmán Ortiz: Absent	Chrissy Reitz: Yea	

VIII. Convention debrief

President Cronin introduced the agenda item and yielded the floor to the 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 logistics surrounding meals, parking, the app, and programing.

IX. Closing

President Cronin provided closing comments, conveying thanks from the Grant County staff who received the backpacks that were created during the Board retreat. Cronin also expressed gratitude to the executive team for their strength and support, acknowledged individual staff for their contributions throughout the year, and thanked the Board for their continued participation and support during challenging conversations.

X. Meeting adjourns

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.