



## OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION Executive Committee

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

*Via Zoom*

### Meeting Minutes

*OSBA committee members in attendance at meeting start:* President Chris Cronin; Secretary-treasurer Chrissy Reitz; Past President Sami Alabdrabbuh

*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

*Guests in attendance at meeting start:* Director José Gamero-Georgeson; Bob Steringer, Dunn Carney LLP

#### **President Cronin called the meeting to order at 12:00 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

**Motion: 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

Chris Cronin: Yea

Dawn Watson: Absent

##### III. Executive Director update

Executive Director Nischik provided an update on last week's School Law Conference, the upcoming PACE Day, the upcoming COSA webinar on Understanding Immigration Enforcement and Schools, today's Secure Rural Schools vote, and the process for potentially securing the Corragio Group to assist with the upcoming Governance Structure review - the proposal will be presented to the Governance Committee.

**\*\* Dawn Watson joined the meeting at 12:13 p.m. \*\***

##### IV. To consider attorney-client privileged information or records that are otherwise exempt by law from public inspection regarding legal advice

**\*\*All OSBA Staff, guests, and members of the public were moved to the waiting room while Committee members and invited staff Emielle Nischik, Haley Percell, La'Nell Trissel, and guests Bob Steringer remained in the meeting room at 12:14 p.m. \*\***

President Chris Cronin led the Committee into executive session at 12:14 p.m.

Executive Session: ORS 192.660(2)(f) "To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection," ORS 192.355(9), and ORS 40.225.

President Cronin adjourned the executive session at 12:30 p.m.

*\*\*All OSBA Staff, guests, and members of the public returned to the meeting room at 12:30 p.m.\*\**

V. Action

**Motion: Chrissy Reitz moved the committee to authorize OSBA staff to release to Director Hamilton the recordings of any interviews of Director Hamilton by Jill Goldsmith. Seconded by Dawn Watson.**

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

Sami Al-Abdrabbuh: Yea

Chrissy Reitz: Yea

Chris Cronin: Yea

Dawn Watson: Yea

**Motion: Sami Al-Abdrabbuh moved to deny the request for a recording of the Executive Session held on August 11, 2025. Seconded by Dawn Watson.**

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

Sami Al-Abdrabbuh: Yea

Chrissy Reitz: Yea

Chris Cronin: Yea

Dawn Watson: Yea

VI. Advocacy and Equity Institute/Leadership Seminar planning

The Committee discussed logistics for attending the upcoming NSBA Leadership Seminar and NSBA Advocacy and Equity Institute.

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

Director Al-Adrabbuh announced that this would be his final Executive Committee meeting as he transitions off the committee and expressed his appreciation to the board and staff for their support over the past few years.

President Cronin provided closing comments of appreciation, welcomed Director Watson as the incoming Board President and Committee Chair, and wished everyone a happy holiday.

VIII. Meeting adjourns

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.**