



OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION Executive Committee

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 12:00 PM

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

OSBA committee members in attendance at meeting start: President Dawn Watson; President-elect José Gamero-Georgeson; Secretary-treasurer Chrissy Reitz; Past President Chris Cronin

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Emielle Nischik; Chief Legal Officer and Deputy Executive Director Haley Percell; Director of Finance and Member Services Jaime Conder; Executive Assistant La'Nell Trissel

Guests in attendance at meeting start: Bob Steringer, Dunn Carney LLP; Amy Angel, Barran Liebman LLP

OSBA committee members not in attendance at meeting start: Nancy Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m.

I. Welcome and roll call

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

President Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Approve agenda

Motion: Chris Cronin moved to approve the agenda with the modification of moving agenda item IV ahead of item III. Seconded by Chrissy Reitz.

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

Chris Cronin: Yea

Nancy Thomas: Absent

José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea

Dawn Watson: Yea

Chrissy Reitz: Yea

III. Executive Director update

Executive Director Emielle Nischik provided an update to the committee including, the hiring of HR manager Sara Nelson; a summary on the success of the Bonds, Ballots, and Buildings conference; Nischik's invitation to speak on a panel at the upcoming City Club of Eugene on Board best practices; the upcoming AGRIP conference; and the upcoming advocacy conversation regarding instructional hours.

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, Jaime Conder, La'Nell Trissel, and guests Bob Steringer and Amy Angel remained in the meeting room at 12:07 p.m.****

President Watson led the Committee into executive session at 12:07 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.

Nancy Thomas joined the meeting at 12:12 p.m.

President Watson adjourned the executive session at 12:18 p.m.

All OSBA Staff, guests, and members of the public returned to the meeting room at 12:18 p.m.

Bob Steringer, Amy Angel, and Jamie Conder left the meeting at 12:19 p.m.

V. Receive feedback on previous Board meetings

The Committee reviewed the submitted feedback and considered ways to generate more participation in the meeting evaluation surveys, including providing hard copies for board members to complete at the end of the meeting, addressing the potential for individuals who may be overlooking OSBA emails, and smoothing the transition to the OSBA issued emails.

VI. Advocacy and Equity Institute/Leadership Seminar Report to Board

The Committee discussed how best to provide the Board with the NSBA Advocacy and Equity Institute report.

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

No issues were raised during this agenda item.

VIII. Meeting adjourns

The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.