



OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION Executive Committee

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

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

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

Guests in attendance at meeting start: None

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

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

I. Welcome and roll call

President Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. Approve agenda

Motion: Chrissy Reitz moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by José Gamero-Georgeson. There being no votes in opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Chris Cronin: Absent

Chrissy Reitz: Yea

Dawn Watson: Yea

José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea

Nancy Thomas: Absent

III. Executive Director update

Executive Director Emielle Nischik shared on the progress of the Oregon Network for Education Excellence group; provided an overview of the work taking place in the statewide accountability work group, specifically regarding the PBAM updates; provided brief highlights of her presentation to the Eugene City Club on board best practice; provided an update on some recent media coverage; and provided a brief glimpse of the new Summer Sessions format and officer expectations, noting that more information will be provided at the upcoming board meeting. Nischik then opened a discussion on the status of the new board member mentorship program.

Additional discussion took place regarding the potential impacts of PBAM updates, clarification on Summer Session executive committee attendance and region roundtable expectations, and next steps for the mentorship program.

IV. Pacific Region Meeting

V. NSBA Annual Conference

Executive Director Emielle Nischik led a conversation regarding obtaining flights for the upcoming NSBA conference, highlighting some of the meeting options that happen in conjunction with the conference, sharing about the group dinner, and a proposed meeting to review the delegate assembly packet; then noted that a new time may be being discussed for future Pacific Regional meetings.

VI. Review March board of directors meeting agenda

The Committee reviewed the draft agenda for the March Board of Directors meeting.

Additional discussion took place regarding the planned use of the Mural platform during the upcoming March Board meeting.

VII. Executive director evaluation update

Chief Legal Officer and Deputy Executive Director Haley Percell provided an update on the executive director evaluation process, noting the contracted work with Kathy Kniep for facilitation, highlighted the timeline, and encouraged everyone to reach out to their fellow board members to urge them to participate.

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

Additional conversation took place about the potential for legislative advocacy ideas that were presented by Utah during the last Pacific Region meeting.

IX. Meeting adjourns

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.