



OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION Board of Directors Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2026, 4:00 PM

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

OSBA board members in attendance at meeting start: President Dawn Watson; President-elect José Gamero-Georgeson; Secretary-treasurer Chrissy Reitz; Past President Chris Cronin; Greg Kintz; Maureen Miltenberger; Clinton Nelson; Nichole Schott; Randy Shaw; Sami Al-Abdrabbuh (ex-officio)

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Emielle Nischik; Chief Legal Officer and Deputy Executive Director Haley Percell; Communications and News Specialist Jake Arnold; Executive Assistant La'Nell Trissel

Guest in attendance at meeting start: Jen Gray-O'Connor and Sarah Lechner, Coraggio Group

OSBA board members not in attendance at meeting start: Tracy Adevai; Kraig Albright; Jay Chick; Jackie Crook; Laurie Danzuka; Katrina Doughty; Karina Guzmán Ortiz; Tristan Irvin; Steve Lowell; Alonso Oliveros; Brenda Rivas; Clyde Rood; Michael Selvaggio; Nancy Thomas; Luhui Whitebear

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

I. Welcome and roll call

President Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll call was taken, a quorum was not present.

II. Approve agenda

In the absence of a quorum, no formal action was taken on this agenda item.

III. Project Background & Context

*** Jackie Crook joined the meeting at 4:18 p.m. ***

*** Brenda Rivas joined the meeting at 4:29 p.m. ***

*** Alonso Oliveros joined the meeting at 4:47 p.m. ***

President Watson introduced Sara Lechner and Jen Grey-O'Conner with the Coraggio Group.

Grey-O'Conner led the Board through an icebreaker and introduction activity, then reviewed the day's agenda, shared the Focus Group Agreements and basic process for engagement during the night's meeting, identified where the group is currently in the project timeline/framework, and reviewed the following Guiding Principles that will be used to guide the work of the project:

- Effectiveness - Ensure governance structures enable the board to fulfill its core responsibilities: strategic oversight, policy governance, fiduciary accountability, and organizational leadership.
- Efficiency - Design structures that make purposeful use of staff resources and board member time. Every committee, caucus, and process should add clear value.

- Engagement - Ensure boards as entities have genuine opportunities to participate and inform decisions without creating administrative burden or unnecessary complexity.
- Representation - Balance representation between boards as fundamental units and districts serving larger student populations, ensuring all member voices carry appropriate weight while maintaining geographic practicality.

IV. Governance Region Review Focus Group Discussion

Lechner and Gray-O'Connor then used a series of questions to gather the Boards assessment of OSBA's Governance structure.

V. Wrap up and next steps

Gray-O'Connor asked participants to encourage the broader membership to engage through the membership survey.

Lechner provided contact information for the Coraggio team and encouraged everyone to send any additional thoughts.

A follow up email will be sent to all meeting participants containing the survey link and project webpage link.

President Watson encouraged everyone to continue engagement with Coraggio and to engage with their regional membership.

VI. Meeting adjourns

The meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.