



OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION Legislative Policy Committee

Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 5:00 PM

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

OSBA committee members in attendance at meeting start: Vice Nancy Thomas; Tracy Adevai; Jose Aparicio; Chris Cronin; Jackie Crook; José Gamero-Georgeson; Karina Guzmán Ortiz; Clinton Nelson; Alonso Oliveros; Melissa Potter; Justice Rajee; Heather Ray; Brenda Rivas; Nichole Schott; Nathan Seable; Mike Selvaggio; Randy Shaw; Becky Tymchuk

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Emielle Nischik; Chief Legal Officer and Deputy Executive Director Haley Percell; Director of Government Relations and Communication Services Stacy Michaelson; Government Relations Counsel Adrienne Anderson; Senior Executive Assistant and Board Liaison La'Nell Trissel

OSBA committee members not in attendance at meeting start: Kraig Albright; Lu Ann Anderson; Jena Benologa; Will Cahill; Jay Chick; Heather Coleman-Cox; Jason Curtis; Laurie Danzuka; Katrina Doughty; Althea Ender; Mel Fuller; Sean Gallagher; Sondra Gomez; Lisa Harnisch; Janet Holland; Tristan Irvin; Bruce Kevan; Greg Kintz; Kris Lachenmeier; Steve Lowell; Maureen Miltenberger; Judy Newman; Chrissy Reitz; Clyde Rood; Christy Splitt; Dawn Watson; Crystal Weston; Luhui Whitebear

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

I. Welcome and roll call

Chair Thomas welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided opening comments.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was not present.

II. Approve agenda

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

III. Approve minutes

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

IV. Recent Events and Current Context

Bruce Kevan joined the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Luhui Whitebear joined the meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Crystal Weston joined the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Christy Splitt joined the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Jena Benologa joined the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

Executive Director Emielle Nischik provided an update on the Governance Committee's work to review the OSBA Governance Structure and encouraged the Legislative Policy Committee members to participate in the Board Governance Survey.

Director of Government Relations and Communications Stacy Michaelson and Government Relations Counsel Adrienne Anderson provided an updated on the current legislative landscape and timelines; the budget process and timelines; the current service level process and involvement; the state, school district, and ESD budget writing processes, intersectionalities, and impacts; and the Education Stability Fund and OSBA's approach to the conversation.

V. Planning for 2027 Legislative Session

Michaelson and Anderson provided an overview of the Legislative Priorities and Principles document and explained its use in guiding the lobbyists' work during the legislative session, provided an overview of the anticipated issues for 2027, and reviewed some new LPC tools and resources in development.

The Committee then broke into small groups to discuss and engaged in a brief share out around the following questions:

- What's having the biggest impact on your region?
- Of the items discussed (or something else you're aware of), where do you see the most opportunity to make a difference for students?
- Which items (or something else) has you most concerned as we think about 2027?
- Have you done any advocacy or relationship building with your local legislators since we met in January?
- What type of tools would be most useful for you when advocating? E.g., Topic-Specific data, historical information (how we got here), list of talking points/messaging, email templates, handouts, links to share, etc.
- What topics of interest do you feel you would need to understand more about in order to confidently advocate?

VI. Next Steps and Action Items

Michaelson then shared a commitment to keeping the Committee informed, to continue to develop tools and resources to enhance the Committee's advocacy efforts, and to continue to reach out to the Committee for feedback as issues emerge. She then asked the committee members to commit to making contact with at least one legislator in their region between now and the August meeting, including any necessary coordination with the other committee members representing the region; and to be a champion in their local communities, spreading the good news about their districts.

VII. Closing

Chair Thomas provided closing comments, thanking the staff for their hard work and encouraging committee engagement.

VIII. Meeting adjourns

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.