OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Governance Committee

Thursday, May 21, 2026, 3:00 PM

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

OSBA committee members at meeting start: Jose Gamero-Georgeson, Chris Cronin, Tristan Irvin, Chrissy Reitz, Luhui Whitebear

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Emielle Nischik, Chief Legal Officer and Deputy Executive Director Haley Percell, Director of Board Development Kristen Miles, Senior Executive Assistant and Board Liaison La'Nell Trissel

OSBA committee members not in attendance at meeting start: Kraig Albright, Katrina Doughty, Dawn Watson

The meeting was to order at 3:07 p.m.

I. Welcome and roll call

President-elect José Gamero-Georgeson provided opening remarks, noting that President Watson was away on vacation and that he would be serving as Chair.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. Approve agenda

Motion: Tristan Irvin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Chris Cronin.

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

Kraig Albright: Absent	José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea	Dawn Watson: Absent
Chris Cronin: Yea	Tristan Irvin: Yea	
Katrina Doughty: Absent	Chrissy Reitz: Yea	

III. Approve minutes

Motion: Chrissy Reitz moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Chris Cronin.

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

Kraig Albright: Absent	José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea	Dawn Watson: Absen
Chris Cronin: Yea	Tristan Irvin: Yea	
Katrina Doughty: Absent	Chrissy Reitz: Yea	

Kraig Albright joined the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

IV. From Framework to Function: Review and Implement the Operating Agreements

Director of Board Development Kristen Miles provided a summary of the work already completed to review the Operating Agreements, noting that the previous edits were adopted by the Board at its March meeting and the edits currently under review, which are directly from the work of the Board, are limited to sections VII and VIII.

Additional discussion took place around the use of the words "practice" in Section VII. XIII. and "champion" in Section VII. X. Consensus was reached to remove the word "practice" and additional context was provided for the word "champion."

The discussion broadened to address the lack of accountability measures, assurance that the Policy Committee will be looking into accountability measures after the current rewrite is finished, and the benefit of having the agreements in place even without accountability measures.

Motion: Luhui Whitebear moved to recommend that the board accept the proposed changes to the Board and Executive Director Operating Agreements at its June meeting. Seconded by Chrissy Reitz.

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

Kraig Albright: Yea	José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea	Dawn Watson: Absent
Chris Cronin: Yea	Tristan Irvin: Yea	
Katrina Doughty: Absent	Chrissy Reitz: Yea	

V. For the good of the order

Executive Director Emielle Nischik noted the number of committee meetings that had been scheduled for the week and thanked everyone for their engagement. Members then expressed appreciation to Miles for her work in facilitating the review process.

VI. Meeting adjourns

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.