



OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION Executive Committee

Tuesday, June 16, 2026, 12:00 PM

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

OSBA committee members in attendance at meeting start: President Dawn Watson; President-elect José Gamero-Georgeson; Vice President Nancy Thomas; 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; Senior Executive Assistant and Board Liaison La’Nell Trissel

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 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: Chris Cronin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Chrissy Reitz.

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

Chris Cronin: Yea

Chrissy Reitz: Yea

Dawn Watson: Yea

José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea

Nancy Thomas: Yea

III. Executive Director update

Executive Director Nischik provided an update on the legislative days underway at the Capitol, including the work in the House Education Committee on the SB 141 regarding accountability; and the summer school sessions registrations and staff work to promote the event, including target marketing outreach and district budgeting concerns.

IV. Fall Regional Update

Nischik provided an update on the planning for the Fall Regional meeting series, noting that most of the meeting schedule has been confirmed, that staff will be conducting pre-meeting planning sessions with each ESD to make sure we are meeting their needs, that optional pre-meeting board trainings are being offered again this year, that we will be coordinating with the PACE training series whenever possible to consolidate staff time and travel expense, and that interactive discussions will be built into the agenda as much as possible. Additional discussion took place regarding Officer and Director attendance.

V. NSBA upcoming events

President Watson led a discussion on attendance at upcoming NSBA events and the various alternatives and options available, given that both the 2027 Advocacy Institute and Annual Conference will be held in Washington, D.C.

Consensus was reached that the committee will not be attending the Advocacy Institute in 2027.

VI. Board Retreat Planning

Nischik facilitated a discussion to prioritize Board work for the September retreat using a list of potential topics that had been previously maintained throughout the year based on committee input and matters identified through the Board's ongoing work.

Staff will use the discussion to design the September meeting agenda.

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

Additional discussion took place about officer succession planning.

Consensus was reached to hold a virtual coffee to allow a chance for Directors who are interested in leadership roles to ask Executive Committee members questions about what it means to serve as an officer.

VIII. Meeting adjourns

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.