OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Governance Committee

Monday, July 13, 2026, 8:30 AM

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

OSBA committee members at meeting start: Chair Dawn Watson, Chris Cronin, Jose Gamero-Georgeson, Tristan Irvin, Chrissy Reitz

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 Communications Stacy Michaelson, Senior Government Relations Counsel Adrienne Anderson, Communications and News Specialist Jake Arnold, Senior Executive Assistant and Board Liaison La'Nell Trissel

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

OSBA committee members not in attendance at meeting start: Kraig Albright, Katrina Doughty Luhui Whitebear

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.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: Tristan Irvin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Chrissy Reitz.

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

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

III. Approve minutes

Motion: Chrissy Reitz moved to approve the May 21, 2026, Governance Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by José Gamero-Georgeson.

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

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

IV. Welcome and framing

*** Luhui Whitebear joined the meeting at 8:50 a.m. ***

Sarah Lechner highlighted the goals for the day's work and provided a brief overview of next steps.

V. Overview of stakeholder engagement

Sarah Lechner highlighted the engagement process; which included a survey that went out to the full membership, superintendents, board secretaries, and staff; 12 one-on-one interviews; 8 focus groups for districts of all sizes and regions, caucuses, committees, and staff; and comparable from other state associations.

VI. Review of key themes and recommendations

Jen Gray-O'Connor reviewed the key themes found through the engagement and outreach process, and provided an overview of the suggested recommendations for consideration.

VII. Facilitated discussion

Lechner then facilitated a discussion addressing the following questions.

- Which finding resonates the most with your experience and which surprises you?
- If you could only address two to three recommendations, which do you think would have the most impact on the Board's effectiveness?
- Is there anything in the report that feels difficult or contentious to act on, and why?

VIII. Bridge to the design retreat

Lechner brought the committee back to the four guiding principles for the project, then facilitated a discussion to set goals and expectations for the project retreat in August.

IX. Close and next steps

Lechner closed out the meeting requesting that committee members thoroughly review the report, reflect on the materials, and be prepared to share concrete ideas for moving the project forward.

X. Meeting adjourns

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.