



OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee

Tuesday, August 11, 2026, 12:00 PM

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

OSBA committee members in attendance at meeting start: President Dawn Watson; President-elect José Gamero-Georgeson; Past President Chris Cronin

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Emielle Nischik; Senior Executive Assistant and Board Liaison La'Nell Trissel

OSBA members not in attendance at meeting start: Nancy Thomas; Chrissy Reitz

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 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: José Gamero-Georgeson move to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Chris Cronin.

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

Chris Cronin: Yea

Nancy Thomas: Absent

José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea

Dawn Watson: Yea

Chrissy Reitz: Absent

III. Executive Director update

The committee discussed upcoming NSBA committee responsibilities and how they might align with different travel options. Staff will contact NSBA to obtain additional information and details regarding the responsibilities. Additionally, the committee discussed submitting a proposal for consideration by the NSBA Beliefs and Resolutions Committee.

Executive Director Emielle Nischik updated the committee on the NSBA Dues Committee meeting, staff follow-up from the Governance Committee retreat and scheduling the next Governance Committee meeting, the change of school board member representation on the Oregon State Board of Education, the updated sample immigration policy and guidance that was released to the membership, work on the PERS funding breakdown project with Pooja and COSA, and the free Equitable webinar.

Additional discussion took place around other PERS conversations that committee members have been engaging in with other entities and legislators.

IV. Schedule NSBA conversation for whole Board

Nischik solicited input from committee members regarding the content and approach for informing the Board about NSBA membership, noting that a document outlining the benefits that we receive was requested during the last meeting. The committee requested that information be shared with the Board regarding several recurring challenges and areas of confusion that have become increasingly prevalent, travel cost for members from the West Coast, and the dues conversation. Additional conversation took place regarding the possibility of attending other education association conferences.

V. Pacific Region Meeting

Please send in your registration response for the upcoming Pacific Region Meeting to La'Nell as soon as possible.

VI. Pacific Region Oregon Share-out planning

The committee discussed what they wanted to share-out during the Pacific Region meeting and agreed that the committee would work together to share about using an facilitation firm to review the association's governance structure.

VII. Officer resource recommendations

Nischik requested that committee members submit resources they found valuable in developing their leadership skills when serving as officers. The Staff will be compiling a resource list for incoming officers. Please send suggestions to La'Nell.

VIII. Review September Board of Directors Agenda

The committee reviewed the September Board of Directors meeting agenda. Additional discussion took place:

- Clarifying verbal reports from the Caucus are included at the January Board meeting and the remaining reports are included in the consent agendas;
- Strategies for considering updating the Board Guideline: Executive Director Annual Evaluation with the recommendations that were made by the facilitator;
- The ongoing work to schedule a OneNetwork update for Sunday;
- Clarifying upcoming committee vacancies and terms;
- Due to potential workload and the variety of opportunities that are available at the venue, an official networking activity will not be scheduled again this year. There will be a networking event planned for after dinner on Saturday; and
- Various carpooling opportunities.

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

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X. Meeting adjourns

The meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m.