

OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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District/ESD/CC: Gresham-Barlow SD

Term expires: June 30, 2029 Years on board: 0

Region: Multnomah

Position #: 17

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I certify that if elected I will faithfully serve as a member of the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee. My nomination form has been submitted to OSBA (or is attached to this document) as evidence.

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Be brief; please limit your responses to 50 words per question.

1. What do you want to accomplish by serving on the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)?

I want to serve on the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee because I believe our community 's voice matters at the state level. This role gives me the chance to work with other school board members, connect with legislators, and help shape policies that impact every student in Oregon. Most of all, I see it as a way to make sure our district 's needs are heard while standing up for strong, equitable public education across the state

2. What leadership skills do you bring to the LPC? Give an example of a situation in which you demonstrated these skills.

I bring a collaborative approach and a strong commitment to equity. I enjoy working with different people from fellow board members to families and community partners and I do my best to make complex issues easy to understand. I remain steady under pressure, thoughtful about long-term impacts, and always focused on keeping students and community voices at the center of every decision

3. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by OSBA?

Two of the biggest legislative challenges faced by the OSBA right now are school funding and the implementation of new education laws. Both of these issues require strong advocacy and a practical voice from local boards to make sure policies truly work for students and communities.

4. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by your region?

The Multnomah region is struggling with unstable budgets, rising costs, and enrollment declines that directly affect classrooms and staffing. At the same time, hundreds of new laws passed this session are moving into the rule-making phase, which will shape how districts operate for years to come.

5. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region about legislative issues?

I plan to keep boards in the loop with regular updates through email, phone calls, and quick check-ins. My goal is to share legislative news in plain language and make sure boards feel supported with resources from OSBA. Just as important, I'll listen to their concerns so their voices are carried forward at the state level.

Email to elections@osba.org, or mail to: Oregon School Boards Association, 1201 Court St NE, #400, Salem, OR 97301

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CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

Work or service performed for OSBA or local district (include committee name and if you were chair):

In the May 25th Special Election, I was recently elected to the Gresham-Barlow School District School Board Director Position 6

City of Gresham - Community Development and Housing Committee

City of Gresham - Community Enhancement Committee

City of Gresham - Public Safety Levy Committee

Other education board positions held/dates:

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

Intel Corporation

Dates:

July 2012 - June 2024.

Schools attended (Include official name of school, where and when):

High school: Grant High School Portland, Oregon class of 1984

College: Kaplan University Des Moines, Iowa (Distance Learning) University of Maryland University College - Adelphi, MD

Degrees earned: Bachelor of Science/Computer Science Masters of Science/Management Information Systems

Education honors and/or awards:

Other applicable training or education:

Activities, other state and local community services:

Multnomah East Indivisible Group - Co-Leader June 2025 - present

Juneteenth Oregon - Media Relations Director April 2016 - present

PDX Jazz - Board Secretary November 2023 - present

Hobbies/special interests:

International travel - Non-Profit - Community Activist

Business/professional/civic group memberships; offices held and dates:

Ghana AquaVenture Emmanuel (GAVE) Foundation - CEO/President - June 2024 - present

Additional comments:

I want to join the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee to advocate for students, bring my community's concerns forward, and help shape OSBA's priorities. It's also a great way to connect with other board members and make sure our region's voice is heard.

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