

OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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District/ESD/CC: Portland Public Schools

Term expires: June 30, 2027 Years on board: 10 mos

Region: Multnomah



Position #: 5

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)?

My goal is to bring my experience as a legislative staffer, advocate, and state agency legislative coordinator to the LPC. My "day job" work has been focused on climate change, but I have also spent the past 2.5 years working to organize families in Portland to advocate for increased school funding.

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

As a former chair of two volunteer boards, I have learned to work with groups in formal structures through a variety of difficult situations. For example, I once had to lead the closing of a cooperative grocery store. I think with the state facing a tough budget dynamic, the resilience I have gained will be really valuable.

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

The state budget is going to be a barrier to forward progress for Oregon's kids and educators. I think this will be the top issue by far, but when there is not money to spend on new programs or efforts, that can mean a turn to increased regulation. Defending against unfunded mandates will therefore be another top challenge.

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

I think that the Multnomah region faces the same challenges, but we are likely to have declining enrollment issues on top of any state budget challenges and we also have conflicts between federal actions and community values.

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

Given my past experiences organizing coalitions, I will rely on relationship building and clear, concise, and right-timed communications in the way that I hear from area board members is the best way for them to connect.

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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):

Portland Public Schools, Director, January 2025-present

Other education board positions held/dates:

N/A

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

State of Oregon - Oregon Department of Energy

Oregon League of Conservation Voters

Oregon State Legislature

Dates:

June 2020-Present

January 2013-May 2020

January 2007-December 2012

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

High school: Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton, CA 1992-1996

College: University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA 1996-2000; BA History

Degrees earned: Pepperdine University Graduate School of Education and Psychology, Westlake Village, CA 2001-2002; MA Education

Education honors and/or awards:

N/A

Other applicable training or education:

N/A

Activities, other state and local community services:

Hayhurst Parent Teacher Association Board - President (2 years), Treasurer (2 years); Community and Parents for Public Schools Board (1 year), Lincoln High School Constitution Team Coach (12 years)

Hobbies/special interests:

Supporting public schools in most of my spare time, but also barre classes, long walks, time with loved ones - especially my two elementary school-aged children

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

Food Front Cooperative Grocery Board - member and chair - 2018-2020; VOIS Business Alliance Policy Team - member - 2008-2010; Mother PAC Endorsement Team - member - 2016; Emerge Oregon Graduate - 2012

Additional comments:

Thank you for your consideration and please be in touch with questions anytime!