

OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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District/ESD/CC: North Clackamas

Term expires: 2027 Years on board: 6

Region: Clackamas

Position #: 2

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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.

Jena Benologa

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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)?

Continue to build and grow relationships with our legislators, learn about upcoming bills that impact education and bring that information back to my region and my district. Advocate for stable funding.

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

I have been NCSD board chair and vice respectively, and currently am serving as board chair again. I have met with our legislators for many years and have testified in person and submitted written testimony during hearings. I am willing and able to advocate and lead others in doing so.

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

Adequate and stable funding, QEM
Unfunded mandates

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

Fed and state funding ,Summer program funding
Mental Health Supports, support from the county

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

Via email, attending/organizing in person and virtual meetings

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

Materials submitted by the candidate on this form may be subject to a public information request under ORS Chapter 192.

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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):

NCSD Board Chair and Vice Chair

Clackamas ESD Budget Committee Chair

Current and previous oard committee assignment: Youth Equity, Legislative Agenda, Wellness, Policy, Super Eval, Ed Foundation

Other education board positions held/dates:

Budget Committe member and chair prior to serving on the NC12 board

Current CESD budget committee Chair

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

Cultural Homestay International

Dates:

Feb 2016 to present

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

High school: David Douglas- graduated 1984

College: Portland State 1984-86: 1989-90

Degrees earned:

Education honors and/or awards:

Other applicable training or education:

I ran an in home preschool for 26 years, 18 years in the Milwaukie area. I have years of training and classes, working closely with CESD to provide care for special needs children.

Activities, other state and local community services:

Neighborhood Assoc in years past

PTA president, vice president, and other PTA offices and committees at Campbell Elementary

President of Sleighbells, a local non-profit

Hobbies/special interests:

cooking, gardening, my dogs, decorating, hiking

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

Eastern Star, current officer, Amaranth, White Shrine, Daughters of the Nile

Additional comments: