

THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021
Zoom Video Conference

OSBA committee members in attendance at meeting start: Chair Sonja McKenzie, Sami Al-AbdRabbuh, Jessica Arzate, Fred Brick, Kevin Cassidy, Chris Cronin, Jackie Crook, Sarah Finger McDonald, Liz Hartman, Kris Howatt, LeeAnn Larsen, John Lindenthal, Jesse Lippold, Steve Lowell, Dianne Mihocko, Rita Moore, Pat Morinaka, Patti Norris, Rebecca Piros, Chrissy Reitz, Scott Rogers, Lori Theros, Becky Tymchuk, Dawn Watson, Mark Watson, Maureen Wolf

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Jim Green, Deputy Executive Director Mary Paulson, Director of Legislative Services Lori Sattenspiel, PACE Administrator Dave Harvey, Director of Board Development Steve Kelley, Legislative Services Specialist Richard Donovan, Legislative-Labor Analyst La’Nell Trissel

Guests in attendance at meeting start: Representative Ricki Ruiz, Amanda Orozco-Beach

OSBA committee members who joined after the start of the meeting: Greg Kintz

OSBA committee members not in attendance: Jose Aparicio, Satya Chandragiri, Terry Deacon, Yesenia Delgado, Katrina Doughty, Mark Everett, Libra Forde, Linda Hamilton, Glenn Holum, Melissa LaCrosse, Erika Lopez, Judy Newman, Brandy Penner, Courtney Snead, Mark Truax, Kathy Wai

I. Call to order

Chair Sonja McKenzie called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

II. Welcome and introductions by Chair Sonja McKenzie

Sonja welcomed everyone to the meeting, called roll, confirmed a quorum was present, and announced that the 2021 Legislative Policy Committee Handbook has been included in the meeting packet and posted online in the LPC Portal.

Chair Sonja McKenzie called for a moment of silence to reflect on the current events taking place within the Asian community.

III. Approve agenda

Motion: Scott Rogers moved the committee to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Kevin Cassidy.

The committee voted, and the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approve meeting minutes

Motion: Patti Norris moved the committee to approve the August 25, 2020, OSBA Legislative Policy Committee meeting minutes, as presented. Seconded by Greg Kintz.

The committee voted, and the motion passed unanimously.

V. Presentation by Representative Ricki Ruiz, “Reflections with a state representative and school board member.”

Chair Sonja McKenzie introduced Rep. Ruiz who shared about his experience being both a school board member and a state legislator. Rep. Ruiz then opened up the conversation for a brief question and answer period regarding his goals for education in the 2021 Legislative Session.

Representative Ruiz and Amanda Orozco-Beach exited the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

VI. Presentation by Lori Sattenspiel and Richard Donovan, “Legislative Update.”

Lori and Richard gave a verbal legislative update regarding the current session.

Parasa Chanramy joined the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

Craig Hawkins joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m.

Morgan Allen joined the meeting at 6:14 p.m.

VII. Presentation by the Coalition of Oregon School Administrators (COSA) legislative team, “SB 334 – Mandatory training for school board members.”

Jim Green introduced Craig Hawkins, COSA Executive Director; Morgan Allen, Deputy Director of Policy & Advocacy; and Parasa Chanramy, Legislative Director, who then presented an outline of SB 334, including a question-and-answer period, and asked for the committee's support on the bill going forward. Discussion followed that established the committee's overall support of the concept of school board training, but many concerns were brought forward regarding the training being mandatory, being placed in legislative statute over other avenues of distribution, and an overall concern about the details of the bill's implementation. Jim thanked the COSA team for their presentation and all their work on the bill.

Motion: Sami Al-AbdRabbuh moved the committee to recommend the bill be support by OSBA. Seconded by Kris Howatt.

The committee voted by show of hands. The motion passed with 25 voting in favor, and 2 voting against.

Craig Hawkins, Parasa Chanramy, and Morgan Allen exited the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

VIII. Presentation by Lori Sattenspiel and Richard Donovan, “SB 554 – Limiting firearms in public

buildings by concealed handgun licensees.”

Lori introduced the topic and notified the committee that OSBA has already submitted testimony in support of the bill on the grounds of maintaining local control; then turned the presentation over to Richard who gave an overview of SB 554. Discussion followed that established the committees generally support of the bill on the basis of maintaining local control but brought forward general concerns relative to guns, including current laws regulating open vs. concealed carry, current methods available to restrict staff or students, and guns in schools in general.

Chair Sonja McKenzie requested the committee provide a consensus of support for OSBA to continue to support this bill.

A majority of committee members indicated support.

IX. Presentation by Chair Sonja McKenzie, “Student Success Act Survey.”

Sonja gave an overview of the SSA survey that was sent out to the committee to obtain information on district implementation of SSA funds, then invited meeting participants to share their success and challenges.

X. Presentation by Lori Sattenspiel, “NSBA Advocacy Institute Update.”

Lori gave an update about the upcoming NSBA Advocacy Institute being conducted virtually June 8-10, referenced the memo that was included in the meeting packet, then turned it over to Jim Green to outline the process for selection of attendees and scholarship opportunities. Lori then closed with an overview of the event’s agenda and sign-up instructions.

XI. Meeting Adjourns

Sonja McKenzie thanked everyone for the night’s discussions.

Chair Sonja McKenzie adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Approved by the Legislative Policy Committee on February 5, 2022.