

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022

The Graduate Eugene, Eugene, OR

Zoom Video Conference

OSBA committee members in attendance at meeting start: Chair Erika Lopez, Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Jessica Arzate, Aaron Barrow, Ashley Carson Cottingham, Jeffrey Crapper (Zoom), Sara Crawford, Chris Cronin, Elizabeth Durant, Sarah Finger McDonald, Sondra Gomez, Bill Graupp, Susan Greenberg, Linda Hamilton, Liz Hartman, Maria Hinojos Pressey, Bruce Kevan (Zoom), Greg Kintz, Steve Lowell, Sonja McKenzie, Anthony Medina, Judy Newman, Patti Norris, Judy Richardson, Scott Rogers, Emily Smith, Becky Tymchuk, Candice Voynick, Dawn Watson, Mark Watson

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Jim Green, Director of Legislative Services Lori Sattenspiel, Legislative Services Specialist Richard Donovan, Information Technology Manager Bryce Carson, Legislative Services Analyst La’Nell Trissel

Guests in attendance at meeting start: Jake Weigler, Praxis Political

OSBA committee members not in attendance: Jackie Crook, Jeff Davis, Yesenia Delgado, Katrina Doughty, Libra Forde, Kris Howatt, Marvin Lynn, Rebecca Piros, Chrissy Reitz, Courtney Snead, Lori Theros, Kathy Wai, Maureen Wolf

I. Welcome

OSBA President, Scott Rogers, welcomed everyone to meeting

Chair Erika Lopez called the meeting to order at 6:22 p.m.

II. Welcome, roll call, and warm up activity

Erika Lopez welcomed everyone to the meeting, facilitated the bingo warm-up/roll call activity, and confirmed that a quorum was present.

III. Approve agenda

Motion: Scott Rogers moved the committee to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Sami Al-Abdrabbuh.

There being no votes in opposition the motion passed unanimously.

IV. Approve meeting minutes

Motion: Sami Al-Abdrabbuh moved the committee to approve the prior meetings minutes. Seconded by Becky Tymchuk.

There being no votes in opposition the motion passed unanimously.

V. Setting the stage

Erika Lopez thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and invited everyone to join her on this journey of improving the value of the committee, not only for committee members, but the regional OSBA membership, with the ultimate goal of benefiting students.

VI. Meeting objectives

Lori Sattenspiel gave an overview of the meetings objectives, including a summary of the 2022 Legislative Session, vote to move the Legislative Priorities and Principles forward to the Board for approval, opportunities to build skills around legislative advocacy and relationship building, overview of the Legislative Workplan, and next steps related to the Regional Communication Toolkit.

VII. Presentation by Richard Donovan, “2022 Legislative Session Update.”

Richard Donovan gave a summary of the 2022 legislative session and preview of the 2023 session, including general 2022 session notes, a summary of priority bills, a summary of budget and education bills, summary of 2023 interim challenges and opportunities, and answered question regarding the make-up of the legislature, upcoming elections, current service level calculations, state budget projections, corporate activity tax, summer learning program funding, corporate kicker amount, and the upcoming virtual 2023 legislative session.

VII. Presentation by Lori Sattenspiel, “Legislative Priorities and Principles Review”

Lori Sattenspiel reviewed the Legislative Priorities and Principles document, asked that it be moved to a foundational document, and proposed that the Legislative Workplan now become the working document for advocacy work. She addressed the proposed changes to the preamble, which will align it with the OSBA Board’s call to action. After discussion, it was determined that the committee would review the proposed changes to the Preamble during the recess and entertain agenda item V. once the meeting reconvened, the morning of Saturday, April 23.

VIII. Close

Erika Lopez gave a synopsis of the meeting’s discussion and brief overview of tomorrow’s agenda.

The meeting recessed at 7:50 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022

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The meeting reconvened at 8:03 a.m.

IX. Legislative Priorities and Principles approval

Lori Sattenspiel introduced the Legislative Priorities and Principles document as the next topic. The committee discussed the benefits and weaknesses of the Preamble, and concluded that any further comments or language suggestions should go to the legislative team for stewardship.

Motion: Scott Rogers moved the committee to approve the Legislative Priorities and Principles as presented and recommend they be forwarded to the OSBA Board of Directors as a resolution. Seconded by Patti Norris.

Steve Lowell pointed out that the motion did not include mention of further input from the committee.

Motion: Scott Rogers moved to amend the motion to add any additional comment or language suggestions be forwarded to Lori Sattenspiel.

The committee voted and the amendment passed unanimously.

The committee voted and the motion carried with 30 in favor and 1 against.

Sami Al-Abdrabbuh - Aye	Susan Greenberg - Aye	Patti Norris - Aye
Jessica Arzate - Aye	Linda Hamilton - Aye	Judy Richardson - Aye
Aaron Barrow - Aye	Liz Hartman - Aye	Chrissy Reitz - Aye
Ashley Carson Cottingham – Aye	Maria Hinojos Pressey - Aye	Scott Rogers - Aye
Jeffrey Crapper - Aye	Bruce Kevan - Nay	Emily Smith - Aye
Sara Crawford - Aye	Greg Kintz - Aye	Becky Tymchuk - Aye
Chris Cronin - Aye	Erika Lopez - Aye	Candice Voynick - Aye
Elizabeth Durant - Aye	Steve Lowell - Aye	Dawn Watson - Aye
Sarah Finger McDonald - Aye	Sonja McKenzie - Aye	Mark Watson - Aye
Sondra Gomez - Aye	Anthony Medina - Aye	
Bill Graupp - Aye	Judy Newman - Aye	

X. Presentation by Lori Sattenspiel, “Advocacy Introduction”

Lori Sattenspiel gave an overview of how advocacy has evolved in recent years and how OSBA needs to expand its advocacy and outreach efforts to remain relevant in today’s political climate. She then introduced Jake Weigler with Praxis Political.

XI. Presentation by Jake Weigler, “Why Advocacy Matters.”

Jake Weigler presented a deep dive into the current climate and make up of Oregon’s legislature and walked the committee through three breakout sessions aimed at broadening the committee’s foundation and understanding of the process behind collection of regional feedback pertaining to a topic, presenting that information to a legislator, and how to best use the feedback and inform OSBA staff.

- Session One - identified potential recruits to attend a local legislator’s town hall, discussed who would be the strongest messengers, talked about engaging each recruit to help them stay “on message” and how to deliver the desired information to legislators.
- Session Two - Shared committee members perspective and the perspective of their region on a sample issue; identified the best strategy for communicating with legislators on the topic; discussed how to draft testimony, how to communicate with legislators, and what feedback could be provided to the OSBA legislative team; encouraged participants to listen to how different districts are approaching conversations and to respect the values and perspectives informing those conversations; discussed points of commonality across each conversation and offer common themes to share with legislators; and explored what participants thought were the best ways to educate and persuade legislators on the topic.

The meeting recessed at 10:20 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:43 a.m.

Jake Weigler continued the breakout sessions:

- Session Three - Shared committee members perspective and the perspective of their region on a sample piece of legislation; identified values that will likely be shared on the topic across OSBA's membership and how OSBA can shape different opinions among members into recommendations that will be shared across the membership; identified the best strategy for communicating with legislators on the sample topic; encouraged participants to listen to how different districts approach the conversation and respect the values and perspectives informing those conversations; discussed points of commonality across the conversations and offered common themes to share with legislators; and explored how OSBA members can work together even when there is disagreement on an issue.

The meeting recessed at 12:08 p.m.

The meeting reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

X. Presentation by Lori Sattenspiel and Richard Donovan, "Legislative Workplan Overview"

Lori Sattenspiel introduced the Legislative Workplan as a document that will capture feedback from each region and develop that feedback into the legislative agenda. She then introduced the Legislative Policy Committee's working timeline and the upcoming meetings with OSBA staff and LPC region representatives to discuss what each region needs to buildout their Regional Communication Toolkit. Richard Donovan then introduced the LPC Homework to gather regional feedback/data on how your school districts look post-COVID. He broke the committee into a breakout session to determine what resources the committee would need from OSBA to accomplish this work.

XI. Close

Jim Green thanked everyone for coming and for all the hard work. Erika Lopez thanked everyone for the wonderful engagement.

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.