



OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Legislative Policy Committee

Friday, April 25, 2025, 4:00 PM

Via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

OSBA board members in attendance at meeting start: Chair Dawn Watson; Tracy Adevai; Sami Al-Abdrabbuh; Jessica Arzate; Chris Cronin; Jason Curtis; Laurie Danzuka; Katrina Doughty; José Gamero-Georgeson; Karina Guzmán Ortiz; Kris Howatt; Bruce Kevan; Greg Kintz; Kristy Kottkey; Alonso Oliveros; Melissa Potter; Randy Shaw; Becky Tymchuk; Luhui Whitebear

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Emielle Nischik; Director of Government Relations and Communication Services Stacy Michaelson; Government Relations Counsel Adrienne Anderson, Executive Assistant La'Nell Trissel

OSBA board members not in attendance at meeting start: Kirsten Aird; Kraig Albright; Mitzi Bauer; Jeffrey Crapper; Sara Crawford; Jackie Crook; Doug Furr; Sondra Gomez; Linda Hamilton; Maria Hinojos Pressey; Tristan Irvin; David Jaimes; David Linn; Steve Lowell; Judy Newman; Justice Rajee; Chrissy Reitz; Judy Richardson; Brenda Rivas; Nichole Schott; Emily Smith; Courtney Snead; Nancy Thomas; Glenn Wachter; Abbie Warmbier; Jill Zurschmeide

The meeting was called to order at 4:11 p.m.

I. Welcome and introduction

I.A. Welcome

Chair Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

I.B. Roll call and warm up activity

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. Lobby Day debrief

**** Mitzi Bauer joined the meeting at 4:22 p.m. ****

**** Emily Smith joined the meeting at 4:24 p.m. ****

Chair Watson thanked everyone who attended the Lobby Day and thanked staff for hosting the event. Watson then asked attendees what went well and what could be improved, and then asked folks who did not attend, what could influence attendance in the future?

A robust conversation followed regarding the helpfulness of the leave-behind sheet and appreciation for the work by partner associations to put together solutions that would work across the education spectrum, legislator request for district-specific data, an appreciation for all the planning that went into having the event run smoothly, the popularity of the scarfs, request for additional time to plan with regional groups before meetings with legislators and strategies for keeping the conversation on track, and the difficulties to plan events for individuals juggling work schedules and childcare.

III. Legislative session status check

*** Brenda Rivas joined the meeting at 4:32 p.m. ***

*** Judy Newman joined the meeting at 4:47 p.m. ***

*** Chrissy Reitz joined the meeting at 5:01 p.m. ***

Director of Government Relations and Communications Stacy Michaelson and Government Relations Counsel Adrienne Anderson highlighted current session mechanics and updated the Committee on the priority topics of education funding, accountability, and chronic absenteeism.

III.C. Approve agenda

Motion: Kris Howatt moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Judy Newman.

There being no votes in opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Tracy Adevai: Yea	Karina Guzmán Ortiz: Yea	Chrissy Reitz: Yea
Kirsten Aird: Absent	Linda Hamilton: Absent	Judy Richardson: Absent
Kraig Albright: Absent	Maria Hinojos Pressey: Absent	Brenda Rivas: Yea
Jessica Arzate: Yea	Kris Howatt: Yea	Nichole Schott: Absent
Mitzi Bauer: Yea	Tristan Irvin: Absent	Randy Shaw: Yea
Jeffrey Crapper: Absent	David Jaimes: Absent	Emily Smith: Yea
Sara Crawford: Absent	Bruce Kevan: Yea	Courtney Snead: Absent
Chris Cronin: Yea	Greg Kintz: Yea	Nancy Thomas: Absent
Jackie Crook: Absent	Kristy Kottkey: Yea	Becky Tymchuk: Yea
Jason Curtis: Yea	David Linn: Absent	Glenn Wachter: Absent
Laurie Danzuka: Yea	Steve Lowell: Absent	Abbie Warmbier: Absent
Katrina Doughty: Yea	Judy Newman: Yea	Dawn Watson: Yea
Doug Furr: Absent	Alonso Oliveros: Yea	Luhui Whitebear: Yea
José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea	Melissa Potter: Yea	Jill Zurschmeide: Absent
Sondra Gomez: Absent	Justice Rajee: Absent	

III.D. Approve minutes

Motion: Greg Kintz moved to approve the January 25, 2025, OSBA Legislative Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Kris Howatt.

There being no votes in opposition, the motion passed unanimously.

Tracy Adevai: Yea	Karina Guzmán Ortiz: Yea	Chrissy Reitz: Yea
Kirsten Aird: Absent	Linda Hamilton: Absent	Judy Richardson: Absent
Kraig Albright: Absent	Maria Hinojos Pressey: Absent	Brenda Rivas: Yea
Jessica Arzate: Yea	Kris Howatt: Yea	Nichole Schott: Absent
Mitzi Bauer: Yea	Tristan Irvin: Absent	Randy Shaw: Yea
Jeffrey Crapper: Absent	David Jaimes: Absent	Emily Smith: Yea
Sara Crawford: Absent	Bruce Kevan: Yea	Courtney Snead: Absent
Chris Cronin: Yea	Greg Kintz: Yea	Nancy Thomas: Absent
Jackie Crook: Absent	Kristy Kottkey: Yea	Becky Tymchuk: Yea
Jason Curtis: Yea	David Linn: Absent	Glenn Wachter: Absent
Laurie Danzuka: Yea	Steve Lowell: Absent	Abbie Warmbier: Absent
Katrina Doughty: Yea	Judy Newman: Yea	Dawn Watson: Yea
Doug Furr: Absent	Alonso Oliveros: Yea	Luhui Whitebear: Yea
José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea	Melissa Potter: Yea	Jill Zurschmeide: Absent
Sondra Gomez: Absent	Justice Rajee: Absent	

Michaelson and Anderson continued with session updates on unfunded mandates, including SB 541 which would mandate computer science curriculum, HB 3365 which would mandate climate change curriculum, HB 2688 which would provide for additional prevailing wage requirements, HB 3881 which would provide for additional work requirements for apprentices, SB 916 which would provide unemployment for striking workers, HB 3652 which would classify class size as a mandatory subject of bargaining, SB 847 which would increase PERS health care subsidy and additional updates on potential health coverage requirements, SB 849 which would provide additional PERS rate relief, SB 1109 which would provide requirements for recording board meetings, HB 2453 which would make changes to the equity advisory committee's role, HB 3883 which would increase public comment requirements, SB 983 which would provide a stipend fix, HB 2251 which would add restrictions to student cell phone use, and the potential outcomes for HB 3199 regarding chronic absenteeism.

IV. Perspective from districts

Chair Watson reminded the Committee to forward the weekly email updates that are prepared by Michaelson and Anderson to their regional membership. Additional discussion highlighted a general appreciation of the Friday updates- particularly the learning opportunities around the connection of various aspects of noneducation bills and illustrating their impact on education-related bills, specific legislator feedback, and a request for information on legislator constituent events.

V. Federal budget and delegation outreach

Executive Director Nischik and Government Relations Counsel Anderson provided an update on the federal budget and delegation outreach including, state court decisions on the Dear College Letter and compliance with Title IV certification and potential funding impacts/nonimpacts, funding impacts/nonimpacts of sanctuary status, additional information about moving IDEA and eliminating the Department of Education and any funding impacts/nonimpacts, updates on potential voucher systems, and updates on the e-rate program.

There will be an action alert coming out next week regarding federal issues.

VI. Closing

Chair Watson thanked everyone for participating in the meeting and the thoughtful conversation, and thanked staff for the incredible advocacy effort this year, noting that the legislators are noticing and appreciating the effort.

VII. Meeting adjourns

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.