



OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION Legislative Policy Committee

Friday, August 8, 2025

Salem Convention Center, 200 Commercial Street SE, Salem, OR 97301

Meeting Minutes

OSBA board members in attendance at meeting start: Vice President Dawn Watson; Sami Al-Abdrabbuh; Kraig Albright; Jessica Arzate (Zoom); Chris Cronin; Jackie Crook; Jason Curtis; Katrina Doughty; José Gamero-Georgeson; Karina Guzmán Ortiz; Kris Howatt (Zoom); David Jaimes; Greg Kintz; Kristy Kottkey; Steve Lowell; Judy Newman (Zoom); Melissa Potter; Justice Rajee (Zoom); Chrissy Reitz; Nichole Schott; Nancy Thomas; Becky Tymchuk (Zoom); Jill Zurschmeide

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Executive Director Emielle Nischik; Chief Legal Officer and Interim Deputy Executive Director Haley Percell; Director of Government Relations and Communication Services Stacy Michaelson; Government Relations Counsel Adrienne Anderson; Information Technology Analyst Henry van Vuuren; Event Specialist Charissa Geib; Executive Assistant La'Nell Trissel

OSBA board members not in attendance at meeting start: Tracy Adevai; Kirsten Aird; Jeffrey Crapper; Laurie Danzuka; Sondra Gomez; Linda Hamilton; Tristan Irvin; Bruce Kevan; David Linn; Alonso Oliveros; Brenda Rivas; Randy Shaw; Courtney Snead; Glenn Wachter; Abbie Warmbier; Luhui Whitebear

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m.

I. Welcome and roll call

Vice President Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

II. Approve agenda

Motion: Kris Howatt moved to approve of the agenda as presented. Seconded by Steve Lowell.

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

Tracy Adevai: Absent
Kirsten Aird: Absent
Sami Al-Abdrabbuh: Yea
Kraig Albright: Yea
Jessica Arzate: Yea
Jeffrey Crapper: Absent
Chris Cronin: Yea
Jackie Crook: Yea
Jason Curtis: Yea
Laurie Danzuka: Absent
Katrina Doughty: Yea
José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea
Sondra Gomez: Absent

Karina Guzmán Ortiz: Yea
Linda Hamilton: Absent
Kris Howatt: Yea
Tristan Irvin: Absent
David Jaimes: Yea
Bruce Kevan: Absent
Greg Kintz: Yea
Kristy Kottkey: Yea
David Linn: Absent
Steve Lowell: Yea
Judy Newman: Yea
Alonso Oliveros: Absent
Melissa Potter: Yea

Justice Rajee: Yea
Chrissy Reitz: Yea
Brenda Rivas: Absent
Nichole Schott: Yea
Randy Shaw: Absent
Courtney Snead: Absent
Nancy Thomas: Yea
Becky Tymchuk: Yea
Glenn Wachter: Absent
Abbie Warmbier: Absent
Dawn Watson: Yea
Luhui Whitebear: Absent
Jill Zurschmeide: Yea

III. Approve minutes

Motion: Kraig Albright moved to approve the April 25, 2025, OSBA Legislative Policy Committee meetings minutes as presented. Seconded by Kris Howatt.

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

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

IV. Overview of key bills from session

Vice President Watson recognized the legislative staff for their hard work and dedication throughout the legislative session, while introducing Director of Government Relations and Communication Services Stacy Michaelson and Government Relations Counsel Adrienne Anderson for an overview of the key bills that came out of the 2025 session.

Michaelson and Anderson provided highlights on the 2025 timeline and key dates; a summary of session engagement; and an overview of the high-profile bills that did not pass, key bills that did pass, funding, and potential budget impacts.

*** Tracy Adevai joined the meeting at 5:05 p.m. ***

V. 2025 Session process debrief

Vice President Watson led the committee through a series of questions to debrief the communication structures used between the legislative team and the Committee, the committee representatives and the members in the regions they represent, the committee representatives and the legislators that represent their regions, and OSBA to the membership at large; identifying both strength and successes, and areas of improvement.

VI. 2026 Legislative session preview

Michaelson and Anderson provided key dates for the upcoming short session in 2026, highlighted potential policy issues, and provided some tips for outreach and feedback.

VII. Federal update

Michaelson and Anderson updated the Committee on H.R. 1 outcomes and impacts, including title funds, secure rural schools, the Educational Choice for Children Act, potential impacts for the 2026 budget, and head start programs.

VIII. Legislative Policy Committee engagement on federal issues

Michaelson and Anderson provided tips for federal outreach and thanked the Committee for all of their work during the 2025 Legislative Sessions.

IX. Meeting adjourns

Vice President Watson asked the committee members to provide any feedback or to follow up with any questions with the legislative team via email and encouraged attendance at the Fall Regional Meeting in their region.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.