



OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Legislative Policy Committee

Thursday, November 6, 2025

Marriott Portland Downtown Waterfront, 1401 SW Naito Pkwy, Portland, Oregon 97201

Meeting Minutes

OSBA board members in attendance at meeting start: Vice President Dawn Watson; Sami Al-Abdrabbuh; Jessica Arzate; Chris Cronin; Jackie Crook; Katrina Doughty; José Gamero-Georgeson; Karina Guzmán Ortiz (Zoom); Dale Keene; Bruce Kevan (Zoom); Greg Kintz; Steve Lowell; Judy Newman; Alonso Oliveros; Chrissy Reitz; Nichole Schott; Courtney Snead; Becky Tymchuk

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; Kraig Albright; Jeffrey Crapper; Jason Curtis; Laurie Danzuka; Sondra Gomez; Linda Hamilton; Kris Howatt; Tristan Irvin; David Jaimes; David Linn; Melissa Potter; Justice Rajee; Brenda Rivas; Randy Shaw; Nancy Thomas; Glenn Wachter; Abbie Warmbier; Luhui Whitebear; Jill Zurschmeide

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 p.m.

I. Welcome and roll call

Vice President Watson welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided opening comments.

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was not present.

II. Status of federal budget

Anderson provided highlights and led a discussion on the federal education landscape, including impacts of the government shutdown, clean resolution regarding the funding bill, K-12 funding proposals, Oregon funding, IDEA, and US Department of Education position reductions.

*** Nancy Thomas joined the meeting at 5:09 p.m. ***

*** Justice Rajee joined the meeting at 5:10 p.m. ***

III. Approve agenda

Chrissy Reitz moved to approve of the agenda as presented. Seconded by José Gamero-Georgeson.

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

Tracy Adevai: Absent

Kirsten Aird: Absent

Sami Al-Abdrabbuh: Yea

Kraig Albright: Absent

Jessica Arzate: Yea

Jeffrey Crapper: Absent

Chris Cronin: Yea

Jackie Crook: Yea

Jason Curtis: Absent

Laurie Danzuka: Absent

Katrina Doughty: Yea

José Gamero-Georgeson: Yea

Sondra Gomez: Absent

Karina Guzmán Ortiz: Yea

Linda Hamilton: Absent

Kris Howatt: Absent
Tristan Irvin: Absent
David Jaimes: Absent
Dale Keene: Yea
Bruce Kevan: Yea
Greg Kintz: Yea
David Linn: Absent
Steve Lowell: Yea

Judy Newman: Yea
Alonso Oliveros: Yea
Dr. Melissa Potter: Absent
Justice Rajee: Yea
Chrissy Reitz: Yea
Brenda Rivas: Absent
Nichole Schott: Yea
Randy Shaw: Absent

Courtney Snead: Yea
Nancy Thomas: Yea
Becky Tymchuk: Yea
Glenn Wachter: Absent
Abbie Warmbier: Absent
Dawn Watson: Yea
Luhui Whitebear: Absent
Jill Zurschmeide: Absent

IV. Approve minutes

Nancy Thomas moved to approve the August 8, 2025, OSBA Legislative Policy Committee meetings minutes as presented. Seconded by Jundy Newman.

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

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

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

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

V. State budget

Michaelson updated the Committee and led a discussion on state budget projections, options, and impacts; 27-29 PERS rate increases, OEBC costs, shifting enrollment, and the downstream impacts of HR 1; and potential considerations regarding federal disconnect, using reserves, and potential cuts.

*** Kraig Albright joined the meeting at 5:24 p.m. ***

*** Melissa Potter joined the meeting at 5:24 p.m. ***

*** Brenda Rivas joined the meeting via Zoom at 5:25 p.m. ***

*** Luhui Whitebear joined the meeting at 5:28 p.m. ***

*** Tracy Adevi joined the meeting at 5:31 p.m. ***

VI. 2025 Legislative Implementation & Potential 2026 Policy Topics

Michaelson updated the Committee on the impacts and rule making process SB 916 (2025) pertaining to unemployment for striking workers and SB 141 (2025) pertaining to accountability.

VII. Advocacy Strategy In Advance of Short Session

Chair Watson lead a discussion on ways to engage in the coming short session.

VIII. Meeting adjourns

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.