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## OSBMCC General Meeting (Join in-person or via zoom)

Saturday, May 20, 2023 (9-11am)

### LEADERSHIP COUNCIL EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

President  
**Neelam Gupta**  
*Lake Oswego SD*

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*North Clackamas SD*

**David James**  
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### MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

**Senitila McKinley**  
*Lincoln County SD*

**Patricia "Pat" Morinaka**  
*Nyssa SD*

**In-Person Location: Lakeridge Middle School, 4700 Jean Rd,  
Lake Oswego, OR 97035**

**Virtual option: Zoom meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5035882800?pwd=NC91Y2pvcTA1TS9GNVdVcmVMc3pWZz09>

**Meeting ID: 503 588 2800**

**Passcode: 611780**

**Members present:** Annie Valtierra-Sanchez, Bill Graupp, Biran Bills, Neelam Gupta, Helen Ying, Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, Kim Brick, Sonja McKenzie, Marcus LeGrand, Karina Guzman-Ortiz, Howard Johnson, and Pat Morinaka

**Friends:** Aaron Barrow and Jamie McLeod-Skinner

### Agenda and Notes

#### Welcome and Introductions

Neelam called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Everyone introduced themselves.

#### 1) Review notes from the February 4, 2023 General Meeting

Kim moved to approve the Feb 4, 2023 general meeting notes. Sonja seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

#### 2) Caucus bylaws updates

##### Proposed changes

Neelam presented the proposed changes, the rationale behind the recommended changes and thanked the bylaws committee for their good work. The committee was led by Neelam and the committee members are Bill Graupp, Janece Payne, and Pat Morinaka.

- Proposed change #1 - add 6.4.3 *Immediate Past President*. *The Immediate Past President shall advise and counsel with other officers. The Immediate Past President chairs the officer succession planning process. The past president serves for two calendar years.*
- Proposed change #2 - article 10, seat on LC, thank Mary Paulsen for her help on the language

Additional changes for the bylaws committee to review:

- Delete from 6.4.5 “The Treasurer shall maintain a roster of the current membership.”
- Add to 6.4.4 “The Secretary shall maintain a roster of the current membership.”
- Review 10.1.1 - should the language be altered, amended, or replaced to allow more flexibility as to when the bylaws can be amended?

Discussion ensued. Neelam will reconvene the bylaws committee to continue its work.

### **3) Diwaniya updates**

Sami shared a brief overview of what Diwaniya is and the initial Diwaniya that was held in Bend Lapine SD in June 2022.

There are currently 6 school districts that have expressed interest in hosting a Diwaniya.

Click [this link](#) to see more details.

Kim shared that \$1500 to \$3000 has been budgeted per event. Let Sami (sami@corvallis.k12.or.us) and Kim ( KimBrick81@gmail.com) know if members are interested in hosting an event before the end of this fiscal year.

Question: Is there a preferred number of attendees?

Answer: the number of attendees is not defined. Minimum of 4 would be a good start.

Sonja shared her experience at the Bend Lapine Diwaniya. It is an excellent way to hold a safe space for attendees to share about their

experience, to reflect and listen. It is not a space for board members to problem solve.

As board members, we can bring the stories with us, diwaniya is a space where the community stories can be elevated and for all to learn collectively.

There is an ongoing need for safe spaces for community input and Diwaniya is a helpful channel for this need.

Reach out to Sami (sami@corvallis.k12.or.us) if anyone is interested.

[Link](#) for guidelines and details.

#### **4) Student Voices Project updates**

Neelam shared an overview of the Student Voices Project that was started 2 years ago.

To keep the momentum going, additional drop in sessions will begin next month. 4 sessions are planned to be held this summer. Notices will be sent to students with dates and zoom links.

Once the dates and zoom links are available, we will share the information with all caucus members and friends to share with their superintendents to help with recruitment of high school and middle school students. Watch for more information coming to you via email late May/early June.

#### **5) 2023 NSBA conferences & reports + upcoming NSBA conferences and scholarship opportunities**

<b>2023 CUBE Annual Conference</b>	<b>Sept 14-16, 2023 Chicago IL</b>
<b>2024 Equity Symposium and Advocacy Institute</b>	<b>Equity Symposium – Jan. 27, 2024 Advocacy Institute –Jan. 28-30, 2024 Washington DC</b>

<b>2024 Annual Conference</b>	<b>April 6-8, 2024, New Orleans, LA</b>
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The scholarship application for the CUBE Annual Conference is now open. The application due date for the 2023 CUBE annual conference is Monday, June 19, 2023. Contact Helen ([discover2010@gmail.com](mailto:discover2010@gmail.com)) for details.

2023 NSBA conference - Aaron, Neelam and Sonja shared highlights of their experience at the conference. It was great to see Sonja and Sami representing Oregon at the national stage.

While 20 states left the association, the work is moving ahead strong in spite of the membership reduction. Moreover, many school districts in those 20 states still attend the NSBA events. It was a great bonding time for all who attended as well.

2023 Equity Symposium and Advocacy Institute, Karina shared highlights of her experience at the event.

- [Karina's report.](#)
- [Sonja's report.](#)

## **6) 2023 legislative session progress updates**

The OSBA staff were not able to attend today's meeting and sent the updates below via email:

*This week, the Legislature received the June economic forecast, which indicates that tax revenue in Oregon wildly exceeds projections. There will be almost \$2 billion more for legislators to plan to spend than they thought they had just three months ago, and this will likely mean good news for our education funding advocacy. Also, the Legislature concluded work on policy committee bills this week. Bills were voted out of committees and moved to chamber floors. This "business as usual" approach seems a little unusual in the face of the ongoing walkout that Senate Republicans have engaged in. Business on the Senate floor has effectively been stopped entirely, and there is no indication of when it will resume. This week, 10 of 13 Republican or Independent Senators hit the cap of 10 unexcused absences created by Ballot Measure 113 last year, and those legislators will, barring some change, be*

*ineligible to run for their legislative seats in the next election. The walkout, caused ostensibly by the impending Senate floor vote on HB 2002, has put opposing principles on a collision course. It is unclear if the walkout will conclude, or if it will persist through the constitutionally-required end of session on June 25.*

Also, please note that Jim Green sent an email last Wednesday urging all board members to contact their respective legislators asking for their support in funding the State School Fund at \$10.3 billion. Please contact your legislator ASAP if you have not done so already.

#### **7) Caucus virtual workspace updates**

Kim shared that the executive committee had looked into setting up a virtual work space to house all of the OSBMCC files. OSBA is helping to set up a caucus work space within the OSBA virtual workspace system..

A test email was recently sent to Leadership Council members and work is in progress.

#### **8) Caucus orientation video project updates**

It's been great to see more members of color being appointed and elected to school, ESD, and community college boards. There is a need to create an orientation process for new members. The executive team is working on creating an orientation video to help orient new members. The goal is to have the first one available this July.

We are also gathering a list of the newly elected board members of color. We plan to congratulate them and invite them to join the caucus.

#### **9) Caucus sharing stories project updates**

Kim and Helen met with Darius, People of Colour Clothing looking into a collaboration between the Caucus and People of Colour Clothing to make t-shirts/sweatshirts with a message to spark conversations about the Caucus' mission and work in the community.

#### **10) Caucus Key Folder**

Helen shared that a Caucus Key Folder is now available for members to use. It holds helpful information for members and will be updated as new information becomes available. Click [this link](#) to peruse the files and documents.

**Next caucus meeting: Saturday, August 12, 2023, 5:30 to 7:30 pm (during the OSBA Summer Conference)**