



OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

Friday, August 9, 2024

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

Meeting Minutes

OSBA board members in attendance at meeting start: Vice President Emily Smith; Sami Al-Abdrabbuh; Kraig Albright; Mitzi Bauer (Zoom); Tom Chanez; Sara Crawford; Chris Cronin; Jackie Crook; Laurie Danzuka; Doug Furr; Neelam Gupta (Zoom); Greg Kintz; Kristy Kottkey; David Linn (Zoom); Steve Lowell; Judy Newman; Alonso Oliveros (Zoom); Melissa Potter (Zoom); Clyde Rood; Nichole Schott; Nancy Thomas; Becky Tymchuk; Dawn Watson

OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start: Interim Executive Director Emielle Nischik; Chief Legal Officer and Interim Deputy Executive Director Haley Percell; Legislative Specialist Efren Zamudio; Legislative Specialist Adrienne Anderson; Events Specialist Charissa Geib; Information Technology Analyst Henry van Vuuren; Executive Assistant La'Nell Trissel

Guests in attendance at meeting start: None

OSBA board members not in attendance at meeting start: Tracy Adevai; Kirsten Aird; Jessica Arzate; Jeffrey Crapper; Katrina Doughty; Sarah Finger-McDonald; Sondra Gomez; Linda Hamilton; Maria Hinojos Pressey; Kris Howatt; Tristan Irvin; Bruce Kevan; Sonja Mckenzie; Chrissy Reitz; Judy Richardson; Brenda Rivas; Courtney Snead; Glenn Wachter; Abbie Warmbier; Luhui Whitebear; Jill Zurschmeide

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

I. Welcome and introduction

a. Welcome

Vice President Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Legislative Specialist Efren Zamudio.

b. Roll call

Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.

c. Approve agenda

Motion: Chris Cronin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Jackie Crook.

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

d. Approve minutes

Motion: Nancy Thomas moved to approve the June 25, 2024, OSBA Legislative Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Kristy Kottkey.

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

e. Meeting overview

Specialist Zamudio provided an overview of the agenda and the goals of the meeting.

II. Advocating for resources our schools need

a. CSL Update

b. Keeping in mind the continuum - early learning, post-secondary asks in 2025

c. Competing legislative priorities in 2025

d. Introducing OSBA's board member advocacy questionnaire

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MHRBMZF>

Specialist Zamudio provided a legislative update to include summaries on CSL, the education continuum, and some of the competing legislative priorities anticipated in 2025.

Specialist Adrienne Anderson introduced the OSBA Board Member Advocacy Questionnaire and requested LPC members both complete the survey and send it to their regions.

III. Region Roundtable Facilitation

Secretary-Treasurer Watson shared the communication techniques they use in their region.

Using the Accountability priority as an example, Specialist Zamudio encouraged Committee members to review the Region Roundtable Facilitation memo, facilitate the conversation - generating specific and tangible ideas, take good notes, and to share the information gathered from their regions with the legislative team.

IV. Student-focused funding advocacy

a. Table discussion

b. Engagement exercise

c. Debrief

The Committee members took a moment to think about what has been effective in their funding advocacy and how would they make a multi-billion dollar investment in the State School Fund tangible, then broke into small groups to further discuss the questions, and finally broke into groups of three to practice having discussions with legislators. Specialist Anderson then led a report out for Committee members to debrief the exercise.

Specialist Zamudio introduced the new legislative pamphlets that are currently in development and scheduled to be ready to pass out during the Spring lobby day.

Specialist Anderson introduced the upcoming Advocacy webinar series and encouraged everyone to attend.

There was a request made for talking points on the 2025 top three legislative priorities.

V. Closing

Vice President Smith thanked everyone for attending and reminded everyone of the OSBA Board Gathering Stipend that is available for legislative advocacy.

VI. Meeting adjourns

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.