



## OREGON SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

Sunday, January 21, 2024, 1:00 PM

*Via Zoom*

### Meeting Minutes

*OSBA committee members in attendance at meeting start:* Chair Emily Smith; Tracy Adevai; Kirsten Aird; Sami Al-Abdrabbuh; Mitzi Bauer; Tom Chanez; Jeffrey Crapper; Sara Crawford; Chris Cronin; Jackie Crook; Laurie Danzuka; Sarah Finger-McDonald; Doug Furr; Sondra Gomez; Neelam Gupta; Maria Hinojos Pressey; Kris Howatt; Tristan Irvin; Greg Kintz; Kristy Kottkey; David Linn; Steve Lowell; Sonja Mckenzie; Judy Newman; Alonso Oliveros; Melissa Potter; Chrissy Reitz; Clyde Rood; Nichole Schott; Becky Tymchuk; Abbie Warmbier; Dawn Watson; Luhui Whitebear; Jill Zurschmeide

*OSBA staff in attendance at meeting start:* Emielle Nischik, Acting Executive Director; Haley Percell, Chief Legal Officer and Interim Deputy Executive Director; Lori Sattenspiel, Legislative Services Director; Efren Zamudio, Legislative Services Specialist; La’Nell Trissel, Executive Assistant; Henry van Vuuren, Information Technology Analyst

*Guests in attendance at meeting start:* There were no guests in attendance.

*OSBA committee members not in attendance at meeting start:* Kraig Albright; Jessica Arzate; Osvaldo Avila; Katrina Doughty; Linda Hamilton; Bruce Kevan; Judy Richardson; Brenda Rivas; Courtney Snead; Nancy Thomas; Glenn Wachter

Chair Emily Smith called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

#### I. Welcome and introduction

##### I.A. Welcome

Emily Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced herself, noting that she is from the Helix School District and, as Vice President of the OSBA Board of Directors, will be serving as this year's Legislative Policy Committee Chair. She outlined the goal of the meeting was to give a broad overview of the Legislative Policy Committee and the work that will take place over the next two years - setting the Legislative Agenda and work on the advocacy plan.

##### I.B. Roll call

Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

##### I.C. Approve agenda

**Motion: Sarah Finger-McDonals moved the committee to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Kris Howatt.**

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

## I.D. Approve Minutes

**Motion: Kris Howatt moved the committee to approve the June 28, 2023, OSBA Legislative Policy Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Judy Newman.**

The request was made to fix the typo in the discussion portion of agenda item I.

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

## II. Meeting overview

Lori and Efren thanked the members of the committee for stepping up into the role of an LPC member; noted the term of the position and that continuance would require re-election; stated the goal of the committee is to develop the Association's 2025-26 Legislative Agenda and to develop an engagement plan to execute that agenda that is built on communication with the members of your region and communication with the Legislators in your region; noted how this engagement plan has grown over the last few years and how advocacy has changed over time; overviewed leadership change at the Capitol; identified some short session logistics and some of the high priority topics; highlighted the Friday LPC Legislative Update calls starting Friday, February 9; invited Capitol Walk Alongs; reviewed high-level LPC resources (i.e., [LPC portal](#), [LPC webpage](#), and [Legislative Services](#) webpage); and introduced an upcoming LPC Resource Review meeting.

*\*\*Brenda Rivas joined the meeting at 1:20 p.m.\*\**

*\*\*Linda Hamilton joined the meeting at 1:33 p.m.\*\**

## III. Getting to know each other

The committee broke into small groups by region to consider and discuss the following questions:

- 1) Introduce yourself- name, district, how long you've been on the LPC, what is the best piece of advice you've ever been given?
- 2) Why did you want to serve on the LPC?
- 3) What would you like to get out of advocacy?

The committee came back together and shared the following topics: elevating rural voice, impact of enrollment loss, impact of funding formula and potential changes, challenges in funding facility maintenance, challenges in fully funding special education, new LPC member perspective, know your legislators and build relationships, tell your story and engage both head and heart, importance of funding, attending education focused legislative meetings, difficulties with unfunded mandates, making the message about the students, the unified voice of OSBA/we are better together, and capitalizing on regional communication and engaging members in the region.

## IV. Education funding and policy overview

Lori and Efren overviewed the hot topics that are anticipated for the 2024 session, encouraged LPC members to attend constituent events and to identify key communicators in their regions - ideally one person from each district, highlighted the importance of sharing the same messaging and speaking with one voice, identified some talking points for the funding discussion, provided some tips for developing relationships with your legislator, and invited LPC members to reach out to the OSBA Legislative team at any time.

## V. Reflections

Emily facilitated a question-and-answer period where the committee continued some of the discussions identified earlier in the meeting.

## VI. Closing

Emily introduced the LPC homework assignments to meet with the LPC representatives in their region to establish connections and game plans and engage in outreach opportunities with their region legislators, noted that the next LPC meeting will be April 19-20 at the Salem Convention Center, reminded everyone that there will be an LPC resource training coming up, and thanked everyone for participating in today's meeting.

## VII. Meeting adjourns

**The meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.**