

OREGON SMALL SCHOOLS ASSOCIATION
Board of Directors ZOOM Meeting
September 15th , 2025 @ 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM PST Virtual

Agenda

Dandy Stevens, Board Chair Open Board Position
Jim Helmen, Vice-Chair Region 1 (Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Tillamook, Washington)
Eric Milburn, Past Board Chair
Open Board Member Region 2 (Clackamas, Marion, Polk, Yamhill)
Stacy Knudson, Board Member Region 3 (Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn)
Andy Boe, Board Member Region 4 (Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine)
Heidi Sipe, Board Member Region 5 (Gilliam, Hood River, Morrow, Sherman, Umatilla, Wasco, Wheeler).
Gail Buermann, Board Member Region 6 (Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake)
Robert Medley, Board Member Region 7 (Baker, Grant, Harney, Malheur, Union, Wallowa)
Krista Nieraeth, Open Board Position
Danielle Hudson, Open Board Position
Michael Carter, Executive Administrator: Lake County School District #7
Krista Parent, COSA – Executive Director of COSA
Morgan Allen, COSA – Deputy Executive Director of Policy & Advocacy
Raeshelle Meyer, COSA- Director of Professional Learning & Leading
Kyle Laier, Assist Education Services

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Chair: Dandy Stevens

2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES of August 18th, 2025 Board Meeting

3.0 Executive Report:

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Executive Directors Report and Update: (15 Minutes)

- a. SRS status update. National and State
- b. New Superintendents Support and Mentoring
- c. CTE California offering 10/22-10/23 Corning and Redding (Sheena Cisneros)
- d. Music is for Everyone Update
- e. OSSA Website Update on COSA Site
- f. Miscellaneous: Wide Open Spaces Conference Update 10/5-10/7, OSBA Breakfast 11/6/25, Law Conference Special Half Day sessions (6.4) Various Communications received

4.0 REPORTS:

- 4.1 Budget Update and Membership Update: Raeshelle, Dandy, Jim, and Michael
- 4.2 Legislative update:
- 4.3 Board Chair and Vice Chair Updates:
- 4.4 Communications and Newsletters; Kyle

5.0 OLD BUSINESS:

- 5.1 Work group for Membership and Dues report and update/proposal
- 5.2 Awards Application Update

6.0 NEW BUSINESS:

6.1 Review and Modification of By-Laws. Timeline/Process for draft (Dandy and Jim) and schedule to send out the vote to members (Michael recommends that we vote at the OSBA conference week)

6.2 Zone 2 need to replace or leave open until a replacement can be found, letter of interest is needed to move forward

6.3 Executive Director's Job Description (Jim)

6.4 Law Conference and OSBA (Need List of Hot Topics)

6.6 Possible List of Topics for OSSA Zoom Monthly Meetings. Board insights and approval, and establish schedule: Cell Phone Use, Division 22 reporting, SIA reporting, Board Relationships, Union Relationships/negotiations and trends, Attendance, Superintendent and Principal Support/insights, Working with Educational partners(ESD, OSBA, COSA, ODE),

6.7 Appoint Conference Committee Members and responsibilities

6.8 Budget committee next steps dates to meet
Conference Format and next steps discussion(OSBA conference OSSA morning meeting)

6.9 Good of the Order and Board Member Comments(Group communication and special support) Watch out for SPAM and Fishing Emails from OSSA Board Members

7.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

7.1 Next Meeting date: Monday October 20th 2:00 p.m. PST ZOOM meeting.

7.2 Committee updates: Budget, Legislative, Membership, By-Law, Conference Committee

7.3 Executive Director's Evaluation

8.0 ADJOURNMENT: