



THE WASHINGTON STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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COVER: BOARD MEMBER ROLES

Prepared for the September 2018 Board Meeting

As related to:

- Goal One:** Develop and support policies to close the achievement and opportunity gaps.
- Goal Two:** Develop comprehensive accountability, recognition, and supports for students, schools, and districts.
- Goal Three:** Ensure that every student has the opportunity to meet career and college ready standards.
- Goal Four:** Provide effective oversight of the K-12 system.
- Other**

Relevant to Board roles:

- Policy Leadership
- System Oversight
- Advocacy
- Communication
- Convening and facilitating

Policy considerations/Key questions:

What are the key outcomes planned for the retreat?

Materials included in packet:

- Board Norms
- Board Bylaws
- Board Duties
- Committee Assignments

Synopsis:

The discussion will provide a foundation for the retreat. Staff will present an overview of the agenda and key outcomes planned for each segment of the agenda. In addition, staff will briefly review the board norms, bylaws, and committee assignments.



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Board Norms for the Washington State Board of Education

Adopted by the Board, November 2015

- Board meetings will focus on State Board of Education goals as articulated in the Strategic Plan, while recognizing that other matters may also be part of a meeting agenda.
- At board meetings, and in all communications with the public and staff, Board members will maintain the dignity and integrity appropriate to an effective public body.
- Every board member should play a meaningful role in the Board's overall operations. Each member expects of others a dedication to the work of the Board and will endeavor to understand the views of other members and to engage in civil discussion. The Board embraces healthy debate on policy issues.
- The purpose of Board meetings, is to discuss policies that help all students to succeed and to graduate college- and/or career-ready. Agendas, presentations, and discussions for each board meeting should reflect this overarching purpose.
- Board meetings should include the following procedures:
 - Board meetings should start on time and end on time.
 - Meeting materials should be made available one week in advance (see Bylaw Article V section 2) and should consistently be of high quality.
 - Board members are expected to consistently attend and prepare for Board meetings and to read the materials in advance of the meeting (see Bylaw Article III, section 2).
 - Each staff presentation should start with clarity of the purpose of the presentation and the decision to be made or issue to be considered.
 - Board members should hold their questions (except for brief clarifying questions) until the end of each presentation, or until the presenter offers a designated “pause” for questions.
 - Each Board member expects of others a commitment to speak with purpose during each discussion. The Board Chair – or his/her designee – will provide leadership to ensure that the discussions and deliberations are leading to a focused outcome.
 - Board meetings should be a forum for Board discussion. Staff and guest presentations should be structured to facilitate this discussion, not supplant it.
- When considering policy proposals, each board member expects of others an opportunity for advance review. The Board agrees to a “no surprises” mode of operation – all significant proposals should be sent in advance of the meeting (preferably before Board packets are sent) to the Chair and Executive Director for their consideration in constructing the agenda and advance materials for the meeting.

- Board members may submit proposed agenda items to the Chair or Executive Director (see Bylaw Article V, section 2) for consideration by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will respond to member proposals, as appropriate.
- Although the Board is composed of appointed and elected members, Board members strive for commonality and unity of purpose through their deliberations.
- Board members will maintain the confidentiality of executive sessions.
- Members of the SBE should support board decisions and policies when providing information to the public. This does not preclude board members from expressing their personal views. The executive director or a board designee will be the spokesperson for the board to the media (same as Bylaw Article III, section 3).
- Each year, the Board may choose 1-3 issues to explore and learn more about over the next year with a goal of identifying one or possibly two new initiatives to include in the next iteration of the Strategic Plan. The exploration is not necessarily a commitment to future Board action, but rather lays the groundwork to identify and build the SBE's capacity on possible initiatives where the SBE could have a significant impact.

Process for selection of these 1-3 issues:

- During a set time period, Board members send the Executive Director suggestions of issues for the Board to consider.
- Executive Director gathers suggestions, and where appropriate groups or combines related issues.
- Executive Director analyzes how the suggestions fit into the present Strategic Plan and SBE staff capacity to work on each issue.
- Executive Committee reviews suggestions and reports back to Board at a subsequent meeting about suggestions and possible recommendations for 1-3 issues.
- At a subsequent meeting the Board votes on 1-3 issues to work on in coming year.
- For these selected 1-3 issues , the SBE staff will provide Board members with 1) background materials to read (or links to resources); 2) identification of key outside experts and possible partners for an SBE initiative; 3) identification of key questions and issues (including suitability of the area for SBE involvement); 4) description (tentatively, for initiation of discussion) of possible approaches and solutions, including how other states are addressing the issue; and 5) any other information requested by the Board or Executive Committee, or considered appropriate by the Executive Director.
- At a future Board meeting, probably as part of the annual Strategic Plan review, the Board may vote to include one or more of these issues in the SBE Strategic Plan work plan.

Bylaws

of the

Washington State

Board of Education

Adopted January 15, 2009

Amended January 8, 2015

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ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this agency shall be the Washington State Board of Education.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of the Washington State Board of Education is to provide advocacy and strategic oversight of public education; implement a standards-based accountability system to improve student academic achievement; provide leadership in the creation of a system that personalizes education for each student and respects diverse cultures, abilities, and learning styles; and promote achievement of the Basic Education Act goals of RCW 28A.150.210.

ARTICLE III

Membership and Responsibilities

Section 1. Board composition. The membership of the Washington State Board of Education is established by the Legislature and specified in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW 28A.305.011).

Section 2. Meeting attendance and preparation. Members are expected to consistently attend and prepare for board and committee meetings, of which they are members, in order to be effective and active participants. Members are further expected to stay current in their knowledge and understanding of the board's projects and policymaking.

Section 3. External communication. Members of the Board should support board decisions and policies when providing information to the public. This does not preclude board members from expressing their personal views. The executive director or a board designee will be the spokesperson for the board with the media.

Section 4. Board responsibilities. The board may meet in order to review any concerns presented to the chair or executive committee about a board member's inability to perform as a member or for neglect of duty.

Section 5. Member designation as external group liaison. (1) The board chair may designate an individual member as a liaison to an external group.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. Designation. There shall be five officers of the board: the chair, the vice chair, the immediate past chair, when available, and at least two members at-large.

Section 2. Term of officers. (1) The chair shall serve a term of two years and may serve for no more than two consecutive two-year terms.

(2) The vice chair shall serve a term of two years and may serve no more than two consecutive two-year terms.

(3) The members at-large shall serve a term of one-year and may serve no more than two consecutive one-year terms.

(4) (a) The immediate past chair shall serve a term of one-year.

(b) Once the immediate past chair has served her/his one year term, the fifth officer position shall be elected as a member at-large.

Section 3. Officer elections. (1) Elections shall be conducted by ballot and in accordance with RCW 42.30.060

(2) **Two-year positions.** (a) The chair and vice chair shall be elected biennially by the board at the planning meeting of the board.

(b) Each officer under subsection (1)(a) shall take office at the end of the meeting and shall serve for a term of two years or until a successor has been duly elected. No more than two consecutive two-year terms may be served by a Board member as chair, or vice chair.

(3) **One-year position.** (a) The member at-large officer positions shall be elected annually by the Board at the planning meeting of the board.

(b) The members of the board elected as members at-large shall take office at the end of the meeting and shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor has been duly elected. No more than two consecutive one-year terms may be served by a board member as a member at-large.

(c) The immediate past chair position shall be considered a member at-large position for the purpose of duties and term limits.

(4) **Vacancies.** (a) Upon a vacancy in any officer position, the position shall be filled by election not later than the date of the second ensuing regularly scheduled board meeting. The member elected to fill the vacant officer position shall begin service on the executive committee at the end of the meeting at which she or he was elected and complete the term of office associated with the position.

(b) Time served filling the remainder of a term of office due to vacancy does not count towards the established term limits.

(5) **Ties.** (a) After three tied votes for an officer position, the election shall be postponed until the next regularly scheduled meeting, at which time one final vote will be taken.

(b) If the final vote results in a tie, all candidate names shall be placed in a receptacle and the election for the officer position shall be decided by a blind draw of a candidate name from the receptacle by the chair.

Section 4. Duties. (1) **Chair.** The chair shall preside at the meetings of the board, serve as chair of the executive committee, make committee and liaison appointments, be the official voice for the board in matters pertaining to or concerning the board, its programs and/or responsibilities, and otherwise be responsible for the conduct of the business of the board.

(2) **Vice Chair.** The vice chair shall preside at board meetings in the absence of the chair, sit on the executive committee, and assist the chair as may be requested by the chair. When the chair is not available, the vice chair shall be the official voice for the board in all matters pertaining to or concerning the board, its programs and/or responsibilities.

(3) **Immediate Past Chair.** The immediate past chair shall carry out duties as requested by the chair and sit on the executive committee. If the immediate past chair is not available to serve, a member of the board will be elected in her/his place and shall serve as a member at-large.

(4) **Members At-Large.** The members at-large shall carry out duties as requested by the chair and sit on the executive committee.

(5) Members serving as officers of the board may continue to participate in board debates and vote on business items.

ARTICLE V **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Section 1. Executive committee. (1) (a) The executive committee shall consist of the chair, the vice chair, two members at-large, and the immediate past chair, if available, or third member at-large as elected.

(b) The executive committee shall be responsible for the management of affairs that are delegated to it as a result of Board direction, consensus or motion, including transacting necessary business in the intervals between board meetings, inclusive of preparing agendas for board meetings.

(c) The executive committee shall be responsible for oversight of the budget.

(2) When there is a vacancy of an officer position, the vacant position shall be filled pursuant to the election process in the Board Procedures Manual.

(3) The board chair shall serve as the chair of the executive committee.

(4) The executive committee shall meet at least monthly.

(5) The executive committee shall assure that the board annually conducts a board review and evaluation.

(6) Agendas for each meeting of the executive committee shall be provided to all board members prior to each executive committee meeting.

(7) Minutes for each meeting of the executive committee shall be provided to all board members promptly after each executive committee meeting.

ARTICLE VI **Meetings**

Section 1. Regular meetings. (1) The board shall hold regularly scheduled meetings, including an annual planning meeting, and other special meetings as needed at a time and place within the state as the board shall determine.

(2) The board shall hold a minimum of four meetings yearly, including the annual planning meeting.

(3) A board meeting may be conducted by conference telephone call or by use of video/telecommunication conferencing. Such meetings shall be conducted in a manner that all members participating can hear each other at the same time and that complies with the Open Public Meetings Act.

Section 2. Agenda preparation. (1) The agenda shall be prepared by the executive committee in consultation with the executive director.

(2) Members of the board may submit proposed agenda items to the board chair or the executive director.

(3) In consultation with the executive committee, the board chair, or executive director at the direction of the chair, will give final approval of all items and changes that will appear on the agenda at a board meeting prior to being sent to board members.

(4) The full agenda, with supporting materials, shall be provided to the members of the board at least one week in advance of the board meeting, in order that members may have ample opportunity for study of agenda items listed for action.

(5) The board chair may modify the agenda and items as needed following finalization and provision to board members.

(6) (a) If a member proposes a new agenda item (as described in subsection 2) and it is not included on the final agenda, any member may bring the agenda item for consideration to the board.

(b) If the board passes a motion in support of including the agenda item, the item shall be included on the agenda at a future meeting.

Section 3. Board action. (1) All matters within the powers and duties of the board as defined by law shall be acted upon by the board in a properly called regular or special meeting.

(2) A quorum of eight (8) voting members must be present in person, or by telephone or video telecommunications, to conduct the business of the board.

(3)(a) Subject to the presence of a quorum, the minimum number of favorable votes necessary to take official board action is a majority of the voting members present. There shall be no proxy voting.

(b) In order to vote at a meeting conducted by telephone or video telecommunications conference call, members must be present for the discussion of the issue upon which action will be taken by vote.

(4) The manner in which votes will be conducted to take official board action shall be determined by the board chair. A roll call vote shall be conducted upon the request of an individual member or the chair.

(5) All regular and special meetings of the board shall be held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act (Chapter 42.30 RCW).

Section 4. Consent agenda. (1) Routine matters and waiver requests meeting established guidelines may be presented to the board on a consent agenda.

(2) Items shall be removed from the consent agenda upon the request of an individual board member.

(3) Items removed from the consent agenda shall be added to the regular agenda for further consideration.

Section 5. Parliamentary Authority. The rules contained in the current edition of ***Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*** shall govern the State Board of Education in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws, state law and any special rules of order the State Board of Education may adopt.

ARTICLE VII **Committees**

Section 1. Designation. (1) Responsibilities of the board may be referred to committee for deeper discussion, reflection and making recommendations to the whole board.

(2) The board chair shall appoint at least two board members to each committee to conduct the business of the board.

(3) The board chair or executive director shall inform the board of the formation of any committee and of the appointment of members to that committee.

(4) Board members of committees of the board shall determine which board member shall chair the committee.

ARTICLE VIII **Executive Director**

Section 1. Appointment. The board may appoint an executive director.

Section 2. Duties. (1) The executive director shall perform such duties as may be determined by the board and shall serve as secretary and non-voting member of the board. The executive director shall house records of the board's proceedings in the board's office and the records shall be available upon request. The executive director is responsible for the performance and operations of the office and for staff support of board member duties.

(2) The board shall establish or modify a job description for the executive director, as needed.

Section 3. Annual evaluation. (1) The board shall establish or modify the evaluation procedure of the executive director, as needed,

(2) The annual evaluation of the executive director shall be undertaken by the board no earlier than one year after the job description or evaluation tool is established or modified. Subsequent to the evaluation, the chair, or chair's designee, will communicate the results to the executive director. If available, the vice chair shall participate in the communication.

Section 4. Compensation of the executive director. The rate of compensation and terms of employment of the executive director shall be subject to the prior approval of the board at the planning meeting.

Section 5: Termination and discipline of the executive director. (1) Decisions regarding the termination and discipline of the executive director shall be subject to the approval of the board.

(2) Decisions regarding the termination and discipline of the executive director may be made at a regular or special meeting if action is required prior to the next scheduled annual planning meeting.

ARTICLE IX

Amending Bylaws

Section 1. Amending bylaws.

- (1) These bylaws may be amended only by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the voting board members present at the meeting.
- (2) All members shall be given notification of proposed amendments to the bylaws at the meeting preceding the meeting at which the bylaws are to be amended.
- (3) The board shall review the bylaws every two years.

Section 2. Suspending bylaws. These bylaws may be suspended at any meeting only by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the voting board members present at the meeting.



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BOARD DUTIES

Prepared for the September 2018 Board meeting

Advocacy and strategic oversight of public education: The Board is to provide advocacy and strategic oversight for the education system and promote achievement of basic education goals and implement a standards-based accountability framework. Current Board commitments include:

- Strategic Planning
- Legislative Agenda and Advocacy
- NASBE Early Childhood Education Workforce initiative
- NSABE Social Emotional Learning Network
- Participation on OSPI's Social Emotional Learning Workgroup
- Participation on OSPI's School Safety Advisory Council
- Next Generation Science Standards communications and outreach

Accountability and Improvement: The Board adopts goals for the system, consults with OSPI to develop, maintain, and report on the state assessment system, establishes the index for system accountability and metrics for system health, and identifies criteria and approves districts for recognition and improvement. Current Board commitments include:

- Collaborate with OSPI on the State Accountability System (WaSIF)
 - Revise rules on n-size and suppression
- Performance Improvement Goals (rule-making)
- Adopt Proficiency Scores on State Assessments
- Develop a new model to recognize schools for exemplary performance on state measures and gap reduction
- Collaboration with OSPI to realign the process for designation, monitoring, and release of districts identified for "Required Action"
- Education System Health Report (biennially, even-numbered years)

High School Graduation Requirements: The Board establishes credit and non-credit requirements for high school graduation and determines threshold scores for assessments and alternatives to meet graduation requirements. Current Board commitments include:

- Communication and stakeholder work to support implementation of current law
- Analysis of options to improve and better align diploma requirements to meet student needs
- Refine and improve policies to support High School and Beyond planning
- Assessment Score-setting
- Participation in Governor's Career Connect Washington Initiative

Basic Education Compliance: The Board adopts rules and monitors compliance with basic education - including waivers, approves private schools operating in Washington, and approves and monitors districts wishing to authorize charter schools. Current Board commitments include:

- BEA compliance process and annual report
- Approval of credit-based and restructuring waivers
- Private school approvals and annual review
- Charter School Authorizing and authorizer-oversight
- Charter School Report (annual)
- Serve on Charter School Commission

Other Required Reports and Activities: The Board holds regular public meetings to carry out its business and makes various reports defined in statute. Current Board commitments include:

- Hold regular meetings and public forums to carry out and receive public input on Board business
- Participate on various work-groups
- Biennial joint report with PESB
- Rulemaking and Biennial review of all WACs



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BOARD COMMITTEES (JUNE 2018)

Committee	Purpose	Membership
<u>Permanent Committee per Bylaws:</u> Executive Committee	<p>BYLAWS ARTICLE V - Section 1. Executive committee. (1)(a) The executive committee shall consist of the chair, the vice chair, two members at-large, and the immediate past chair, if available, or third member at-large as elected.</p> <p>(b) The executive committee shall be responsible for the management of affairs that are delegated to it as a result of Board direction, consensus or motion, including transacting necessary business in the intervals between board meetings, inclusive of preparing agendas for board meetings.</p> <p>(c) The executive committee shall be responsible for oversight of the budget.</p>	Membership Kevin Peter Patty Jeff MJ Lead staff: Randy
<u>Current Standing Committee:*</u> Legislative (established Sept 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Review all potential legislative priorities (post-September retreat), then recommend legislative priorities to the full board for November consideration/adoption.• Assist in creation of a year-round legislative advocacy plan.• Galvanize fellow board members as needed to maximize collective and individual relationships and expertise.• Advise Executive Director and Director of Policy and Partnerships during legislative sessions, as necessary, to support nimble and strategic advocacy.	<p>Patty Holly MJ Ricardo Judy Alan</p> Lead staff: Kaaren
<u>Current Standing Committee:*</u> Equity (established Nov 2017)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Refine working definitions of "Educational Equity" and "SBE Equity Lens" to recommend to full Board for adoption at January SBE meeting✓ Put together recommendations for March 2018 that incorporate "theory of action" equity pieces• Set annual goals for equity work• Clarify specific roles and responsibilities about accountability in the context of education system health	<p>Ricardo Harium Patty Ryan</p> Lead staff: Kaaren

Committee	Purpose	Membership
<u>Ad Hoc Task Force:</u> RAD 3.0 (established May 2018)	SBE and OSPI agreed to use this Task Force as a vehicle to collaboratively develop rule or legislation regarding the state K-12 accountability system.	Peter Holly Alan Lead staff: Randy
<u>Ad Hoc Committee for NASBE-funded Initiative</u> Social Emotional Learning	Purpose Coordination of the NASBE-funded Social Emotional Learning initiative.	Membership Harium Ryan Mona Johnson (OSPI) Alternate: MJ Lead staff: Kaaren
<u>Ad Hoc Committee for NASBE-funded Initiative</u> Early Childhood Education Workforce	Purpose Coordination of the NASBE-funded Early Childhood Education Workforce initiative.	Membership Ryan Patty Angela Abrams (DCYF) Lead staff: Kaaren

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