

OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

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Date: 9/30/2025

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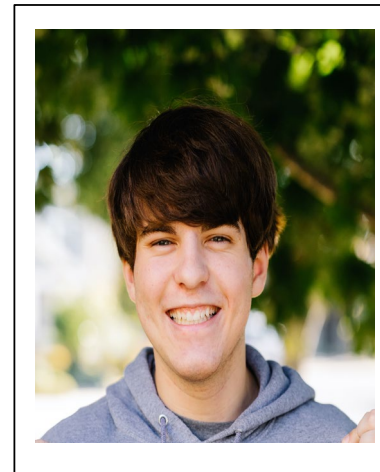
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District/ESD/CC: SOESD

Term expires: 2029 Years on board: 0

Region: Southern Region



Position #: 7

I certify that if elected I will faithfully serve as a member of the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee. My nomination form has been submitted to OSBA (or is attached to this document) as evidence.

Richie Owens

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Be brief; please limit your responses to 50 words per question.

1. What do you want to accomplish by serving on the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC)?
I hope provide the perspective of young person and a student with special needs to the LPC and I hope particularly hope to advocate for increased funding for students with special needs and accessibility in education.
2. What leadership skills do you bring to the LPC? Give an example of a situation in which you demonstrated these skills.
most relevant experience I have is organizing students for advocacy at the state capital. I have lobbying groups at 3 lobby days Salem. To speak to a specific example, I was told to organize a lobby with 12 days notice and in that time, I was able to Organize over 30 volunteers and got local media coverage to support a bill for Wheelchair users.
3. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by OSBA?
Generally, the most challenging issue is finding a balance between state oversight and local control. When the state makes a law it effects regions differently and legislation tends favor more urban areas, but what works in Portland tends different than what we need in southern Oregon. One other specific Issue is the Sped funding cap.
4. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by your region?
Again, generally rural areas are underrepresented. I think a more specific issue in our region is aging infrastructure, as evidenced by the North Medford roof collapse.
5. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region about legislative issues?
My plan is to work with Dawn Watson and our New OSBA Board of Directors representative to provide clear information and to avoid redundant messages clogging your inboxes. I will forward the weekly LPC summaries during legislative session to all board members.

Email to elections@osba.org, or mail to: Oregon School Boards Association, 1201 Court St NE, #400, Salem, OR 97301

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CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

Work or service performed for OSBA or local district (include committee name and if you were chair):

Current SOESD Vice-Chair

Other education board positions held/dates:

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

Dates:

Full Time Student

Schools attended (Include official name of school, where and when):

High school: Saint Mary's School of Medford

College: Southern Oregon University Dual Enrollment. Current Student University of Oregon

Degrees earned:

Education honors and/or awards:

Other applicable training or education:

Lobbying training with OSPIRG students.

Activities, other state and local community services:

Precinct-Committee Person Jackson County Democratic Party May 2024-Present

State Central Committee Delegate Democratic Party of Oregon January 2025-Present

Hobbies/special interests:

Rock Climbing

Volleyball

Business/professional/civic group memberships; offices held and dates:

OSPIRG Students Intern and Campaign Coordinator Fall 2024-Present

Additional comments: