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NEW BUSINESS

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: James Owens, Superintendent
DATE: October 14, 2026
SUBJECT: **First Read of Policy (with option to adopt) – BBAA – Individual Board Member’s Authority and Responsibilities**

Oregon’s Public Meetings Law has undergone several changes in recent years through legislation adopted by the Oregon Legislature, as well as rules and guidance issued by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission (OGE). These changes have resulted in updates to the responsibilities and expectations of public officials, including individual school board members.

During the 2026 legislative session, the Oregon Legislature passed House Bill 4177, which included additional changes related to Oregon’s Public Meetings Law, including provisions addressing serial communications, public meetings requirements, the role of the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, and processes for addressing alleged violations. HB 4177 was subsequently vetoed by the Governor and therefore did not take effect.

Although HB 4177 did not become law, the Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA) has recommended revisions to Board Policy BBAA – *Individual Board Member’s Authority and Responsibilities* to ensure the policy remains consistent with current Oregon law and recent Public Meetings Law changes.

The proposed revisions are being presented to the Board for first reading, with option to adopt.

The Board review the proposed revisions to Policy BBAA – *Individual Board Member’s Authority and Responsibilities*. The Board may provide direction or, if the Board is satisfied with the proposed revisions, take action to adopt the revised policy following its first reading.

Agenda Item: 7.2.2