

NOMINATION FORM

OSBA LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE (LPC)

REGIONAL MEMBER

Date September 18, 2025

TO: Dawn Watson, OSBA President-
Elect Oregon School Boards Association
1201 Court St NE, #400
Salem, OR 97301
Fax: 503-588-2813
E-mail: elections@osba.org

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September 30, 2025.**

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School Boards Association, 1201 Court
St. NE, #400, Salem, OR 97301

Dear Dawn Watson:

With this letter, our board nominates the candidate named below to a position on the OSBA Legislative Policy
Committee for the Southern Oregon Education Service District Region, Position # 5.

LPC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: Richie Owens
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This nomination was approved by official action of our board of directors at a duly called meeting on

September 17, 2025

(date)



(Board Chair signature)

Board Chair name: Ana Mannenbach
District: Southern Oregon Education Service District
Address: 101 N. Grape Street
City, State, Zip: Medford, OR 97501

OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Richie Owens

Date: 9/30/2025

Address: 890 Bybee Dr.

City/Zip: Jacksonville 97530

Business phone: None

Residence phone: None

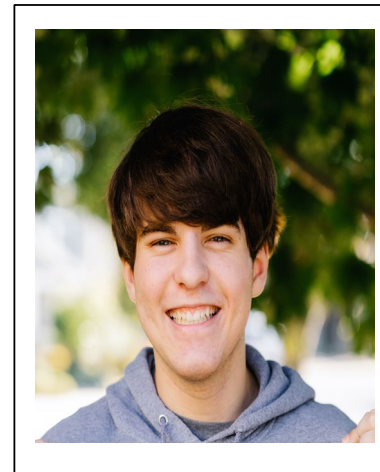
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E-mail: Richard_Owens@board.soesd.k12.or.u

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

9/30/2025

Name

Date

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.

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OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

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:

NOMINATION FORM
OSBA LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE (LPC)
REGIONAL MEMBER

Date 8/28/25

TO: Dawn Watson, OSBA President-
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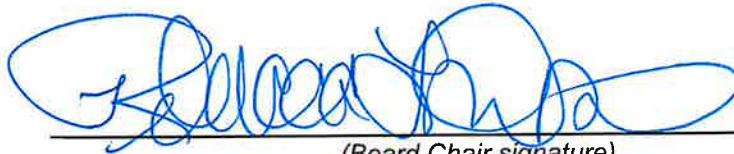
Dear Dawn Watson:

With this letter, our board nominates the candidate named below to a position on the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee for the Southern Region, Position # 5.

LPC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: Daniel R. Jay
District/ESD/Community College: Ashland SDS
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City: Ashland Oregon ZIP: 97520
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This nomination was approved by official action of our board of directors at a duly called meeting on 8/28/25
(date)



(Board Chair signature)

Board Chair name: Rebecca Dyson
District: Ashland SDS
Address: 229 Normal Ave
City, State, Zip: Ashland OR 97520

OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Daniel Ruby

Date: 08/28/2025

Address: 193 Morton St

City/Zip: Ashland, 97520

Business phone: _____

Residence phone: _____

Cell phone: (775) 762-7195

E-mail: Daniel.ruby@ashland.k12.or.us

District/ESD/CC: Ashland SD5


Term expires: 2027 Years on board: 2

Region: Southern



Position #: 5

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Name

08/28/2025
Date

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 want to elevate the voice of Southern Oregon schools in statewide policymaking, ensuring equitable funding, mental health supports, and enrollment stabilization. I hope to strengthen OSBA's legislative agenda by connecting community perspectives with effective advocacy for public education's long-term success
2. What leadership skills do you bring to the LPC? Give an example of a situation in which you demonstrated these skills.
I am direct, open, collaborative, and accountable. I, along with my team, was able to successfully navigate a resilient new course for a science museum when faced with COVID closure, funding uncertainty, and radical community impacts from wildfire in 2020.
3. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by OSBA?
(1) Securing stable, adequate, and equitable school funding, especially for Special Education and in the face of volatile Federal support.
(2) Addressing the student behavioral health crisis statewide, requiring legislation that supports counseling, wraparound services, and safe, inclusive school environments
4. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by your region?
1) Underinvested school facilities & limited bond funding: Aging buildings need renovations and seismic upgrades, but districts struggle to pass capital bonds in our communities.

(2) Statewide (unfunded) mandates (e.g. cell phone bans): local timelines, budgets, and board calendars make compliant policy development challenging
5. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region about legislative issues?
I will provide regular updates via email and virtual meetings, host listening sessions in partnership with local boards, and leverage OSBA channels to share resources. I will ensure two-way communication so local concerns inform statewide advocacy

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OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

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

OSBA LGBTQ2SIA+ Advisory Committee, Ashland School District Innovation Committee, Enrollment (Vice-Chair)

Other education board positions held/dates:

Liaison to the Ashland Schools Foundation board for the 2025-26 school year; I serve on the Future Climate Collaborative advisory board; I served on the Oregon Museums Association board; I served on the Career and Technical Education Advisory Committee for Washoe County School District; I served as president of the Nevada Museums Association; I served as president of the Reno Bike Project, Associate Director Nevada NASA Space Grant Consortium

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

Geos Institute (current)

RCC Foundation

Rogue Community Health

Scienceworks Museum

Dates:

Current

2023-2024

2021-2023

2018-2020

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

High school: Galena High School, Reno, NV

College: University of Nevada, Reno

Degrees earned: MS in Secondary Education with a focus in Science, Technology, and Society

Education honors and/or awards:

Faculty Emeritus, UNR 2018; Certificate of Congressional Recognition, 2017 & 2012; Certificate of Senatorial Commendation, 20119.

Other applicable training or education:

I co-created and directed the AACT Rover Program: a keystone co-curricular student engineering competition program for HS CTE as a joint effort between university, community college, K-12 school district, and industry internship and apprenticeship partners.

Activities, other state and local community services:

Board member, Southern Oregon Friends of Hospice

Hobbies/special interests:

My hobbies include bicycle touring--I've ridden down the Oregon coast five times--and playing music--I continue to record and put out records with friends.

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

Ashland Rotary, Programming Committee Chair (current), Ashland Elks (current), American Alliance of Museums, Association of Science and Technology Centers

Additional comments:

N/A

NOMINATION FORM
OSBA LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE (LPC)
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Date Sept 9, 2025

TO: Dawn Watson, OSBA President-
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Dear Dawn Watson:

With this letter, our board nominates the candidate named below to a position on the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee for the Southern Oregon Region, Position # 5.

LPC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: Nathan Seable
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This nomination was approved by official action of our board of directors at a duly called meeting on
Sept 9, 2025
(date)



(Board Chair signature)

Board Chair name: Dustin Smith
District: Grants Pass School Dist No. 7
Address: 725 NE DEAN DR.
City, State, Zip: GRANTS PASS, OR 97526

OSBA Legislative Policy Committee CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Nathan Seable

Date: 9/6/25

Address: 1424 SE Rogue Drive

City/Zip: Grants Pass, Oregon 97526

Business phone: 541-415-2654

Residence phone: 541-231-0144

Cell phone: 541-231-0144

E-mail: nathan.t.seable@gmail.com

District/ESD/CC: Grants Pass District 7

Term expires: 2027 Years on board: 2

Region: Southern Oregon Region



Position #: 5

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Nathan Seable
Name

9/6/25
Date

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 aim to serve as a resource for OSBA members within my region by facilitating the efficient exchange of information between local members, legislators, and OSBA, regarding public policies that impact education.

2. What leadership skills do you bring to the LPC? Give an example of a situation in which you demonstrated these skills.

As State Forest Lands representative on the OHV Advisory Commission, I helped craft HB 2329 by gathering stakeholder input, securing legislative support, and testifying at the Senate Transportation Committee. The bill passed, shaping land use policy, safety, and OHV classifications on State Land.

3. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by OSBA?

OSBA must strongly confront dynamics that reduce school boards influence on local school policy, application of funds, educational environment, and accountability.

4. What do you see as the two most challenging legislative issues faced by your region?

Adequate funding for education and maintaining local control.

5. What is your plan for communicating with boards in your region about legislative issues?

I would provide timely updates on important legislative issues by email and/or weekly phone conference updates. I would make myself available to attend regional board meetings upon request to provide updates and insights.

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OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

CANDIDATE PERSONAL/PROFESSIONAL RESUME

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

I currently serve on the District 7 School Board. I also serve on the Policy Committee and Budget Committee for the School District.

Other education board positions held/dates:

2 years vice-chair

Occupation (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

Dates: 2005 to present

State of Oregon employee for 20+ years, currently managing State Parks in Josephine, Jackson, and Douglas Counties. Travel regionally, manage teams, and stakeholder relationships. Previously led Oregon's prison work camp, deploying forestry crews for land management and wildfire suppression. Was agency liaison to ODOC for statewide fire suppression efforts and contract administration.

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

High school: Concord High School California 91-95

College: BYU-I and Oregon State University 96/99/2000-2005

Degrees earned: Masters, Bachelor, and Associates Degrees. with emphasis on Animal Sciences, Natural Resource Management, and Agricultural Education.

Education honors and/or awards:

Graduated Cum Laude

Nominated for Contra Costa County Student of the Year

All-City Baseball and Football Teams, Competed in California's Track and Field Meet of Champions (Sacramento)

Other applicable training or education:

Served on the Oregon Department of Forestry Legislative Team in 2014, engaging with legislators, tracking bills, testifying at hearings, and coordinating agency responses. Taught English in China (2000) and completed student teaching at Scio and Lebanon High Schools (2002).

Activities, other state and local community services:

Member, Governor Kotek's Southern Oregon Regional Solutions Team

Member, City of Grants Pass Urban Planning and Growth Commission

Former Vice Chair, Josephine County Budget Committee

Former Chair, Forest Grove Public Safety Advisory Commission (collaborated on school transportation and child safety)

Hobbies/special interests:

Spending time with my family and mentoring my nephews and nieces. Mountain biking, dirt biking, horse training, travel, history, guitar, baseball and cooking.

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

Over the decades I have served as a teacher, event planner, and youth mentor for my church organization.

Additional comments:

In my current professional work, I consult with members of the Oregon legislature to inform them on public land and natural resource policy.

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