

# NOMINATION FORM

## OSBA LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE (LPC)

### REGIONAL MEMBER

Date 9/26/23

TO: Sami Al-Abdrabbuh, OSBA President-Elect  
Oregon School Boards Association 1201 Court  
St NE, #400  
Salem, OR 97301  
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**Nominations are due by 5 pm,  
September 29, 2023.**

Return this form and all candidate information  
forms to the OSBA office by email at  
[OSBAelections@osba.org](mailto:OSBAelections@osba.org), or mail to Oregon  
School Boards Association, 1201 Court  
St. NE, #400, Salem, OR 97301

Dear Sami Al-Abdrabbuh:

With this letter, our board nominates the candidate named below to a position on the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee for the Multnomah Region, Position # 18.

### LPC CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: Jessica Arzate  
District/ESD/Community College: Multnomah ESD  
Address: 18382 SE Stephens St.  
City: Portland Oregon ZIP: 97233  
E-mail: jarzate@mesd.k12.or.us Phone: 562-394-7765

This nomination was approved by official action of our board of directors at a duly called meeting on  
9-9-23  
(date)



(Board Chair signature)

Board Chair name: Katrina Doughty  
District: Multnomah ESD  
Address: 11611 NE Ainsworth Circle  
City, State, Zip: Portland, OR 97220



# OSBA Legislative Policy Committee

## CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: Jessica Arzate

Date: 9/29/23

Address: 18382 SE Stephens St

City/Zip: Gresham/97233

Business phone: na

Residence phone: na

Cell phone: (562)394-7765

E-mail: jarzate@mesd.k12.or.us

District/ESD/CC: Multnomah ESD

Term expires: 2025 Years on board: 6

Region: Multnomah



Position #: 18

*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.*



9/29/23

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)?

My hope is to lend my expertise and leadership in PK12 Education and represent my community of East Portland. My hope is also to work on shifting power across the state and within school districts to promote equitable education. It is my mission to help elevate and strengthen the voices of students of color and students who experience the most systemic

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

My leadership style is collaborative, innovative, and driven by racial equity. I have supported the facilitation for a collective of 60 regional, cross-sector partners working together to ensure that all systems are ready to serve all of our kids on their journey to kindergarten and beyond. I've co-led the development of design criteria and an initial list of potential metrics for the

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

There has been historic investment in education equity through Student Success Plans. OSBA's legislative priorities should be to maintain full funding for the implementation of those plans and to hold districts accountable to improving outcomes called out in those plans. I would also say the second most challenging issue for OSBA will be regarding its role in Board

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

Student retention (high mobility rates) due to gentrification and lack of affordable housing and la

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

My plan is to create meaningful platforms of communication that align with existing regional efforts. First and foremost, I want to listen to my colleagues and be responsive to the unique challenges and opportunities of each district. In my current MESD Zone, I cover all of David  
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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):

Multnomah ESD Board Vice- Chair 2020-2021; Multnomah ESD Chair 2021-2022  
Superintendent Evaluation Committee 2017-Present; Committee Chair 2018-2019  
Oregon Association of ESDs Governance Council 2017-2019; Multnomah ESD Representative  
Regional Equity Task Force 2018-Present; Design Team Member Fall 2018; Multnomah ESD

**Other education board positions held/dates:**

National School Board Association 2018 Delegate Assembly Member  
College of Education Graduate Student Association 2011-2013; Founding Vice-President

**Occupation** (Include at least the past five years):

Employers:

Dates:

Greater Than PDX; Chief Impact Officer August 2017-  
Present

United Way of the Columbia-Willamette; Early Learning  
Multnomah Hub Manager; 2015-2017

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

High school: Millikan High School, Long Beach, CA 2004

College: University of California, Irvine 2009; California State University, Long Beach 2013

Degrees earned: BA in Anthropology; Minor in Medical Anthropology and Gender Studies 2009; M.Ed

**Education honors and/or awards:**

Bi-Literacy Seal

Dean's List

**Other applicable training or education:**

Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program 2015

ColorPAC 2017

Center for Equity and Inclusion; Reframing Racism 2015; 2016; 2017-2018

CoCreative: Collaborative Leadership Essentials Training 2019

**Activities, other state and local community services:**

Women's Foundation of Oregon; Grants Committee 2014-2022; Committee Chair 2017-2019

Women's Foundation of Oregon Board Member 2017-2022; Vice President 2017-2019; Treasurer  
2021

Ethnic Studies Advisory Group (HR 2845) 2018-2019

**Hobbies/special interests:**

Long Distance Running, Hiking, Mountaineering, Basketball, playing the piano,  
and creating music with my significant other.

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

Women's Foundation of Oregon Member 2014-Present

City Club of Portland- Civic Scholars Ambassador 2015-2016

East County Rising Member 2018-Present

Regional Kindergarten Readiness Network Design Team Member 2018-2022

**Additional comments:**

Experience in developing, designing, and implementing strategic plans

Experience in facilitating groups with an overt diversity and equity lens

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