



# WASHINGTON STATE LEADERSHIP BOARD

RECOGNIZING LEADERS. CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP.

## Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024

12 PM – 1 PM

### Streaming Location:

*WA State Leadership Board Office  
120 Union Ave SW  
Suite 103  
Olympia, WA 98501*

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### Welcome/Call-to-order

The Executive Committee of the Washington State Leadership Board (WSLB) convened at 12:00 p.m. with streaming available at WSLB’s Office. The meeting began at 12:07 p.m. and was presided over by Brian Moreno as acting Co-President and Conner Huey as acting Secretary.

### 1. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, and Meeting Minutes

- Roll call

Name	Title	Organization	Present
<b>Voting Officers</b>			
Brian Moreno	Co-President	WSLB	X
Colin Pierce	Co-President & Washington World Fellows Committee Chair	WSLB	X
Mary Cadera	Treasurer	WSLB	X
Conner Huey	Secretary	WSLB	X
Chester Baldwin	Board Governance Committee Chair	WSLB	X
Andrea Ornelas	Boundless Washington/Team S.A.M. Committee Chair & At-Large	WSLB	
Olivia Sarriugarte	Compassion Scholars Committee Chair & At Large	WSLB	X
Mark Gjurasic	Non-Voting Board Member	WSLB	X
<b>Staff</b>			
Audrey Baker	Executive Director	WSLB	X
Amy Ubungen	Director of Programming	WSLB	X
Grace Ramos-Cartagena	Operations Manager	WSLB	X
Claire Muehleisen	Programs Coordinator	WSLB	X

- **Adoption of Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

The motion to approve today's agenda and the meeting's minutes from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, was motioned by Olivia Sarriugarte and seconded by Mary Cadera. The motion was carried.

## 2. Opening Comments

Brian Moreno, Co-President, wishes everyone a happy new year and reviews the agenda for the day. The objective is to review the work the WSLB completed at the Mission, Vision and Goal Setting workshop in November 2023. He expresses gratitude for the great momentum and contributions made by everyone last year.

## 3. Business

- International Programming Report
  - Audrey Baker, Executive Director, proposed joining the international programming team on their upcoming travels. With the goal to compile a detailed report for the board and Lieutenant Governor's Office by year's end. The proposal received positive feedback. Members endorsed the plan and motioned to proceed, as it fits within the budget and would enhance the organization's global outreach.
    - The motion to authorize the Executive Director to travel and participate in international programming with the objective of observing and compiling a comprehensive report, to be submitted to the WSLB governing body and Lt. Governor was motioned by Chester Baldwin and seconded by Mark Gjurasic. The motion was carried.
- 2024 Legislative Agenda (*page 4-10*).
  - The Legislative Agenda is straightforward, as outlined on pages 4-10 of the board meeting packet. The WSLB will continue outreach by educating and advocating to lawmakers about the organization's vital work.
    - Motion to approve 2024 proposed legislative agenda was motioned by Chester Baldwin and seconded by Mark Gjurasic. The motion was carried.

## 4. Announcements

- On the Horizon

Colin Pierce, Co-President, notes the board will need to review and refine the outcomes of the Mission, Vision, and Goal Setting workshop during the Quarter 1 Board Meeting. While group editing can be challenging, the hope is to provide some alternative phrasings for the sections that need minor wordsmithing.

- Drafted Mission, Vision, 10 Year Goal review & refinement at Q1 Board meeting

Brian Moreno, Co-President, recaps the work done at the Mission, Vision, and Goal Setting Workshop, where the WSLB brought in an outside facilitator to guide them

through a productive process of brainstorming ideas, refining them, and extracting insights from everyone in the room. There was a unanimous consensus that the vision should focus on cultivating a space where students feel empowered to make a difference in a way that resonates with them personally.

- Drafted Mission statement
  - *Recognize Leaders. Cultivate Leadership. We steward Washington's leadership continuum for its underserved through investing in empowering programs that develop and celebrate models of leadership.*
- Drafted Vision statement
  - *Inspiring leaders to change their worlds.*
- Drafted 10-year Goal
  - *100% of participants are from priority populations and experience sustainable, high-quality programs that have specific learning outcomes.*
- Full workshop report attached, which will be included in the Q1 board meeting agenda for full board discussion (page 11-24).
- 2024 Decision Package Update
  - Executive Director, Audrey Baker shares the exciting news that the 2024 supplemental budget decision package has been included in the governor's budget, requesting an additional \$156,000 for essential service model costs related to WaTech and Attorney General expenses. The package is not anticipated to encounter much opposition, and Executive Director, Audrey Baker emphasizes that the organization's financial stability will not be compromised whether the funding is received or not.
- Staffing Update
  - Director of Programming Amy Ubungen has announced that Adrienne Haurert is joining the WSLB staff. She will work with Boundless Washington and Team S.A.M., bringing a strategic presence in Eastern Washington. The staff eagerly welcomes Adrienne and the strengthened statewide connections she enables.

## 5. Public Comment

- No public comment was made.

## 6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Closing the meeting, Co-President Colin Pierce reminds the Board that our relationships with students offers stability, comfort, and support for many. Because relationships are foundational to our work, he expresses appreciation of the relationships that we all have with one another, and excitement for the continued opportunities to connect and learn more about one another.

The meeting was called to an end at 12:58 p.m. The motion was made by Olivia Sarriugarte and seconded by Mary Cadera. The motion was carried.

**MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:**

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Grace Ramos-Cartagena, Operations Manager

**MINUTES APPROVED BY:**

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Conner Huey, WSLB Secretary

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Brian Moreno, WSLB Co-President