

Executive Board

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[LINK to Meeting Materials](#)

I. Welcome- Lead: President, Marcia Henkle

Welcome, Introductions, Pledge of Allegiance, Review of agenda

Marcia called the meeting to order at 12:00pm and led introductions of the board, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Consent Agenda - Lead: President, Marcia Henkle

[For Reference: 9/26/22 meeting minutes \(draft\)](#)

Actions: Approve agenda and minutes from 9/26/22 Executive Board meeting

Merle Kirkley moved to accept the agenda and minutes, the motion was seconded, the Board adopted the motion to approve the agenda and minutes.

III. Legislative Updates & Session Preview - Lead: Melissa Gombosky

Melissa shared an overview of the upcoming legislative session.

We are ready for session to begin. The results are very similar to the prior legislature with Democrats currently controlling the Washington State House and Senate. The speakers for both are strong advocates for education.

Budget update

Revenue collections are exceeding projections, but growth is slowing. There is 4.5 billion in available revenue, but there are significant required expenditures, especially related to inflation costs.

School District Requests

- Special Education funding- 900 million requested
- Updating transportation formula (STARS)
- Increase building level administrators
- Increase salary for classified staff

AESD Network Requests

- Expand regional safety centers -4.4m requested
- Expand and maintain student behavioral and mental health services
- Early learning Expand capacity for P-3 system navigation - 4.2m requested (Biennium)

The board asked clarifying questions and discussed Early Learning needs and trends within the state.

IV. AESD Redesign Work

Leads: Marcia Henkle, Michelle Price

a. AESD Governance Document Alignment- Leads: Marcia Henkle and Michelle Price

For Reference: [Redesign & Governing Document Alignment Talking Points/Slides \(9/26 mtg. follow-up\)](#); [AESD Constitution \(Apr. 2022\)](#)

Marcia introduced the topic and the process for today's discussion of the AESD Redesign work.

The process began in 2021 to change the structure to support growth with four bold steps.

1. Model for initiative leadership
2. Align AESD Constitution and Network Governance
3. Executive Director Role & Goal Setting Process
4. Develop and pilot business model

(The Redesign process is currently in Bold Step 2.)

Marcia welcomed the board to share feedback about the redesign from their local boards.

- Cliff Huenergard shared the prepared slides to his regional board and reported the OESD 114 Board was 100% behind what was laid out in slides and the presentation was much appreciated.
- June Sine of ESD 101 hared that there is limited conversation due to low attendance at last meeting. The Board was ok with how things are going and waiting to see the final result.
- De Stickel of ESD 112 shared there were several new board members on the ESD 112 Board and they were provided with the history and past practices of the network. The board appreciated the history and that there was active support to move forward.
- Dale McDaniel of ESD 113 shared that he presented redesign work at the recent ESD 113 Board retreat with targeted discussion around the redesign process. The ESD 113 Board asked clarifying questions such as What are the changes? What do things look like going forward? How does this change things with each ESD? The ESD 113 board did not voice any serious concerns.
- Merle Kirkley of ESD shared that the superintendent gave a solid presentation and the board felt it made sense and appreciated the forward motion of the Redesign.
- Terry 123- Presented, no major questions, the board demonstrated trust in Terry and the process.

Michelle Price gave a review of the process, our goal to detangle the network and the association, and the current bold steps. The Redesign began with realignment process with design team and assistance from AESA leadership. The Washington AESD had outgrown model they were working within, and the Design Team reviewed needs and created the Four Bold Steps.

- Michelle shared [slides 13 – 17 in the master slide deck](#) regarding the Redesign process, and recommendations for aligning AESD governing documents.
- The group reviewed and discussed [the more detailed side-by-side outline](#) of the three proposed and discrete governing documents.
 - The board gave feedback to add the Executive Board as a step in the dispute resolution process. There is currently a documented decision-making protocol.

The board then met as a small group to discuss the prior information. Feedback from the small group discussion included the following priorities:

- It is important to get news of this work out to ESD boards.
- We'd like more clarity on what the Association budget would include.
- The Board is in favor of being added to the dispute resolution process for the AESD Network and Association

Next Steps:

- The Board identified the following members to participate in the Constitution Sub-Committee: June Sine, Terry Brandon, and De Stickel. The Superintendents will identify a representative and the group will be facilitated and staffed by Jessica Vavrus and Marnie Allen (legal)
- Feedback on the Interlocal Agreements will be integrated in next drafts of the documents.

b. AESD Strategic Plan Follow-up – Lead: Marcia Henkle, Terry Brandon

For Reference: 9/26 AESD strategic plan discussion document

Marcia presented the need to update the AESD strategic plan in light of the Redesign. The board discussed the need, process, and necessary timing to update the Strategic Plan to align with AESD governance documents as part of the Redesign. Marcia and Terry proposed to continue work with revising and aligning governance documents, including the AESD Constitution, and pause work to update/revise the strategic plan until that work is complete. There were no objections from the Board as to this approach.

V. Report: 2023 Annual Meeting Design Sub-Committee - Lead: Jessica Vavrus, Marcia Henkle

Overview

Jessica and Marcia gave an overview of the 2023 AESD Conference planning thus far and explained the work of the two planning teams.

- Design Team -Overarching goals/design and conference themes
- Core Team- attends to details (budget, sponsorships, contracts, venue, presenters, etc)

Themes

The theme of the 2023 AESD Conference will be centered on student voice, engagement, and equity.

Timeline

- The Design team will meet in January and March 2023
- The Core Team will meet monthly until the conference.
- Registration for the conference will go live in late January/early February
- Business meeting materials will be available for members in March
- Conference days begin April 12, 2023 and go through April 14, 2023 at the Hyatt Lake Washington

Marcia requested the board make a pitch to their home boards attend this event, which will be the first in-person conference of the association in three years.

VI. Good of the Order - Lead: President / All

There will be two presentations regarding the AESD at upcoming conferences:

- WSSDA Conference (11/19), “Nine ESDs. One Network: A backbone of support for Washington’s schools and communities
- AESA Conference (12/1) “Evolving with the Times: Washington’s ESD Network in Action”

Marcia invited the board to share out their news to group.

- ESD 101- Glad to be a part of this group and looking forward to the in-person meetings
- ESD 105- Absent
- ESD 112- Gratitude for the accessibility of the meetings

- ESD 113- Personal update.
- ESD 114- Cliff Huenergard requests that the board read the AESD Membership Handbook prior to the January meeting.
- ESD 121- Gratitude to the board and appreciation the variety of virtual and in-person meetings. No new changes to the 121 Board.
- ESD 123- Appreciation for the work of the board.
- ESD 171- Thank you for your leadership and work on behalf of kids.
- ESD 189- This is an ongoing process that the board should be proud of.

XII. Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 2:06pm