

**WEIAOB 2026 Legislative Advisory Committee Planning: August 13, 2025**

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**Advisory Committee Members**

- Jane Broom (Board Co-chair)
- Rep. Dave Paul (Board Co-chair)
- Collin Bannister
- Ruben Flores
- Charles Knutson
- Bill Lyne
- Eleni Papadakis
- Dr. Terri Standish-Kuon

**Advisory Committee Goals**

The purpose of this committee is to **review current WEIA expenditures** and **develop draft recommendations** for the 2026 legislative session. It will remain active through the end of session to help the Board respond to new budget- and legislation-related developments, as needed.

**Advisory Committee Timeline: Key Dates and Proposed Meeting Schedule**

The committee must meet regularly between Aug. 2025 and Jan. 2026 to ensure that draft recommendations are ready for consideration during the Board’s first meeting of 2026 (week of Jan. 5). Key dates and a proposed meeting timeline are included below for reference:

Key Dates*	Proposed Meeting Timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sept. 12:</b> Agency request legislation due</li> <li>• <b>Sept. 15:</b> Agency decision packages due</li> <li>• <b>Oct. 2:</b> Meeting materials sent out</li> <li>• <b>Oct. 9:</b> Fall 2025 Board meeting</li> <li>• <b>Dec. 15-19:</b> Meeting materials sent out</li> <li>• <b>Jan. 5-9:</b> Winter 2026 Board meeting</li> </ul>	<p>The committee meets approximately <b>every three weeks for one hour</b>—the weeks of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept. 1 and 22</li> <li>• Oct. 13</li> <li>• Nov. 3 and 24</li> <li>• Dec. 15</li> </ul>

*\*Other relevant dates: Forecasts—revenue (Sept. 23, Nov. 18) and WA Grant caseload (Nov. 12)*

## Previous Recommendation Procedures and Key Questions for 2026

The Board has utilized different methods to issue legislative recommendations in recent years. These are summarized below alongside key questions to consider for 2026:

Previous Recommendation Procedures	Key Questions for 2026
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Fall 2023:</b> Board heard presentations from COP, SBCTC, ICW, and WSAC; endorsed specific proposals (<a href="#">link</a>)</li><li>• <b>Fall 2024:</b> Board developed evaluation rubric (<a href="#">link</a>), solicited proposals from agencies and external organizations, and endorsed specific proposals (<a href="#">link</a>)</li></ul>	<p><b>Budget:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What does the Board want to know about current WEIA expenditures?</li><li>• Does the Board want to issue recommendations on carryforward, maintenance, and/or policy level WEIA expenditures?</li><li>• Does the Board want to issue recommendations on general types of investments (i.e., state financial aid) and/or specific investments (i.e., programs, provisos)?</li></ul> <p><b>Legislation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Does the Board want to amend its own statute (<a href="#">RCW 28B.77.310</a>)?</li><li>• Does the Board want to issue recommendations on other legislation?</li><li>• Does the Board want to testify and/or sign in on legislation during session?</li></ul> <p><b>General/Other:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How does the Board want to communicate with the Legislature and Gov. Ferguson’s office during session?</li><li>• Does the Board want to host a lobby day during session?</li></ul>