

WEIAOB 2026 Legislative Advisory Committee Planning: September 5, 2025

Advisory Committee Timeline: Key Dates and Upcoming Meetings

Key dates and a schedule of upcoming meetings are summarized below for reference:

Key Dates*	Upcoming Meetings
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept. 12: Agency request legislation due • Sept. 15: Agency decision packages due • Oct. 2: Meeting materials sent out • Oct. 9: Fall 2025 Board meeting • Dec. 15-19: Meeting materials sent out • Jan. 5-9: Winter 2026 Board meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, Sept. 24, 11 am-12 pm • Tuesday, Oct. 14, 10-11 am • Thursday, Nov. 6, 10-11 am • Wednesday, Nov. 26, 10-11 am • Monday, Dec. 15, 10-11 am

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

Key Questions for 2026 and Project Updates

Key questions to consider for 2026 and project updates related to the previous LAC meeting on August 13 are summarized below:

Key Questions for 2026	Project Updates
<p>Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does the Board want to know about current WEIA expenditures? • Does the Board want to issue recommendations on carryforward, maintenance, and/or policy level WEIA expenditures? • 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)? 	<p>Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board wants to know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How WEIA funds are currently being spent, with an emphasis on the 2025-27 biennium ○ How the proportion of all higher education funding coming from WEIA has changed over time ○ Whether carryforward level WEIA expenditures are still being spent on their originally intended purposes • Key data to prepare for the Board may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summary of all higher education expenditures over time, by account

Legislation:

- Does the Board want to amend its own statute ([RCW 28B.77.310](#))?
- Does the Board want to issue recommendations on other legislation?
- Does the Board want to testify and/or sign in on legislation during session?

General/Other:

- How does the Board want to communicate with the Legislature and Gov. Ferguson's office during session?
- Does the Board want to host a lobby day during session?

- Summary of WEIA expenditures by level (carryforward, maintenance, policy) and line item over time
- Rep. Paul and Joel met on Aug. 28 to discuss possible options for further analyzing WEIA expenditures.

Legislation:

- Two versions of the Board's bill were sent to the Office of the Code Reviser for drafting. In addition to administrative changes, the second version included membership changes (adding members from the Governor's office and OFM to the Board).
- Further research is needed to determine if and how LEAP, JLARC, and/or WSIPP should be named in the bill. This would likely be done via an amendment during the 2026 legislative session. Joel has contacted LEAP, JLARC, and WSIPP to discuss this idea further.

General/Other:

- WSAC has internally allocated some funding to support in-person activities for the Board during the 2026 legislative session, if needed.