

**WEIAOB 2026 Legislative Advisory Committee Planning: September 24, 2025**

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**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"> <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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday, Oct. 14, 10-11 am</li> <li>• Thursday, Nov. 6, 10-11 am</li> <li>• Wednesday, Nov. 26, 10-11 am</li> <li>• Monday, Dec. 15, 10-11 am</li> </ul>

*\*Other relevant dates: Forecasts—revenue (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 previous LAC meetings are summarized below:

Key Questions for 2026	Project Updates
<p><b>Budget:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How could the Board collaborate with other committees, agencies, etc., to analyze WEIA expenditures?</li> <li>• What does effective oversight of WEIA expenditures look like in the next year? Three years? Five years?</li> </ul> <p><b>Legislation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How could the Board socialize and support its bill (submitted by WSAC)?</li> <li>• Should the Board pursue additional legislation to support collaboration with other committees, agencies, etc.?</li> </ul>	<p><b>Budget:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Board wants to know how WEIA funds are being spent, what proportion of higher education funding they make up, and whether they're still going toward originally intended purposes.</li> <li>• Joel recently met with JLARC, LEAP, and WSIPP to discuss potential research on WEIA expenditures. A fourth meeting with ERDC will be on Sept. 26.</li> <li>• LEAP appears to be an initial partner for documenting all WEIA expenditures.</li> </ul>

**General/Other:**

- How should LAC members present their work during the Oct. 9 Board meeting?
- Which legislators should LAC members meet with and when?
- How does the Board want to communicate with the Legislature and Gov. Ferguson's office during session?

- JLARC, WSIPP, and/or ERDC may be future partners for evaluating specific WEIA expenditures.
- Rep. Paul has scheduled a meeting on Oct. 13 with Joel and nonpartisan staff to discuss ideas for analyzing WEIA expenditures.

**Legislation:**

- WSAC submitted the Board's original bill draft to Gov. Ferguson's office and OFM on Sept. 12. A decision will be communicated by mid-December.
- Additional legislation may be needed to support collaboration with LEAP (as an example).

**General/Other:**

- Legislators who LAC members could meet with include:
  - **Board members:** Reps. Paul and Ybarra, Sens. Nobles and Warnick
  - **House Leadership:** Spkr. Jinkins, Reps. Fitzgibbon and Stokesbary
  - **Senate Leadership:** Sens. Pedersen and Braun
  - **House Approps. Cmte.:** Reps. Ormsby, Gregerson, Macri, Couture, Keaton, Leavitt, and Pollet
  - **Senate W&M Cmte.:** Sens. Robinson, Stanford, Gildon, Boehnke, and Hansen