

WEIAOB 2026 Legislative Advisory Committee: Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Members Attending (alphabetical by last name):

Collin Bannister, Ruben Flores, Bill Lyne, Eleni Papadakis, and Dr. Terri Standish-Kuon.

Others attending (alphabetical by last name):

Joel Anderson (WSAC), Nova Gattman (WTB), and Vanessa Ponce (WA Student Association).

Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m.

Introductory Comments

Presenter: Joel Anderson

- The Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC) will review meeting minutes from October 14, examine data collected on WEIA appropriations and expenditures, and discuss the Board's 2025 legislative report.

Key Takeaways

- LAC members examined data collected on WEIA appropriations and expenditures from the 2019-21 biennium to present.
- LAC members continued providing feedback on what should be included in the Board's 2025 legislative report.

Discussion

Presenter: Joel Anderson

Material: N/A

- Joel presented findings from multiple summaries of WEIA appropriations and expenditures.
 - Data on WEIA expenditures (by state agencies) has only been published through the 2021-23 biennium. Data for the 2023-25 biennium may be available online by the end of 2025.
 - Staff from UW shared some additional context for how OFM and other state agencies categorize WEIA expenditures. Common categories are influenced by state and federal regulations. (See [Example A](#) and [Example B](#).)
 - Summarizing all higher education appropriations (WSAC, UW, WSU, EWU, CWU, TESC, WWU, and SBCTC) shows that funding from WEIA was utilized to significantly

- supplant other higher education appropriations (namely General Fund-State) in the 2025-27 biennium. This trend occurred at all public four-year institutions.
- LAC members agreed that the data presented on WEIA appropriations and expenditures should be included in the Board's 2025 legislative report.
 - Joel said he would share the data that he presented with LAC members via email.
- Joel shared an update on efforts to document carryforward, maintenance, and policy level appropriations from WEIA.
 - When completed, this summary will be incorporated into the Board's 2025 legislative report and an upcoming presentation on WEIA for the Legislature's Joint Higher Education Committee (December 3).
 - LAC members discussed the Board's 2025 legislative report.
 - More information about the history of WEIA was added.
 - Regarding initial 2026 legislative recommendations, LAC members emphasized the importance of noting how WEIA is being used to supplant other higher education funding. They also said that the Legislature should avoid further cuts to higher education overall.
 - Regarding visualizations of WEIA appropriations, some LAC members recommended creating multiple charts so that Board members could choose the most compelling one.
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Closing

Presenter: Joel Anderson

- The next LAC meeting is November 26 at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:57 a.m.