

## **WEIAOB 2026 Legislative Advisory Committee: Meeting Minutes**

December 15, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

### **Members Attending (alphabetical by last name):**

Collin Bannister, Jane Broom, Ruben Flores, Charles Knutson, Bill Lyne, Rep. Dave Paul, and Dr. Terri Standish-Kuon.

### **Others attending (alphabetical by last name):**

Joel Anderson (WSAC) and Nova Gattman (WTB).

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

### **Introductory Comments**

**Presenter:** Joel Anderson

- The Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC) will review meeting minutes from November 6 and discuss upcoming topics like submitting the Board's 2025 legislative report and planning the next Board meeting on January 8, 2026.

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### **Key Takeaways**

- LAC members finalized details for the Board's 2025 legislative report.
- LAC members outlined the agenda for the Board's upcoming meeting on January 8, 2026, and discussed other plans for the 2026 legislative session.

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### **Discussion**

**Presenter:** Joel Anderson

**Material:** N/A

- Joel shared multiple examples of how WEIA appropriations could be tracked across biennia. This information will be used to provide detailed fiscal information in the Board's 2025 legislative report.
- LAC members suggested key categories of WEIA appropriations to include in the Board's 2025 legislative report:
  - WA Grant
  - UW fund shift
  - Compensation, benefits, and central services
  - High-demand degree programs
  - Other state and institutional financial aid

- College in the High School
  - Note: LAC members emphasized the importance of minimizing the “Other” category due to feedback received on the Board’s 2024 legislative report.
  - LAC members agreed that it was okay to submit the Board’s 2025 legislative report at the end of the year.
  - LAC members recommended key topics to discuss during the next Board meeting on January 8, 2026:
    - Summary of recent WEIA revenue forecasts
    - Summary of 2026 LAC work (to date)
    - Preview of 2026 legislative session and Gov. Ferguson’s 2026 supplemental operating budget proposal
    - 2025 legislative report
    - Letter to legislators that includes the Board’s 2026 legislative recommendations
  - LAC members agreed to schedule a standing 30-minute meeting during the 2026 legislative session to discuss ongoing issues regarding WEIA.
  - LAC members suggested preparing a one-pager with background information on WEIA for the 2026 legislative session.
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## Closing

**Presenter:** Joel Anderson

- 2026 LAC meetings during the legislative session will be scheduled in January.
- The next Board meeting is January 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 10:50 a.m.