

WEIAOB 2026 Legislative Advisory Committee Summary: January 8, 2026

Introduction

On July 17, 2025, the Board agreed to form a 2026 Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC) for the purposes of reviewing appropriations from WEIA and developing draft recommendations for the 2026 legislative session. After soliciting volunteers, Co-chairs Broom and Rep. Paul appointed the following Board members to serve on the LAC:

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

Summary of Work Completed: August 13-December 31

Over the course of six meetings, LAC members have made progress on various Board projects, including:

- Compiling, analyzing, and discussing data on appropriations from WEIA (since 2019-21).
- Developing a presentation on WEIA for the Joint Higher Education Committee (December 3, 2025—[see slides here](#)).
- Drafting 2026 legislative recommendations.
- Drafting and submitting a 2025 legislative report.
- Drafting and pre-filing legislation ([SB 5931](#)) to amend the Board’s statute ([RCW 28B.77.310](#)).

LAC members will continue to meet through the end of the 2026 legislative session to help the Board respond to new budget and legislation-related developments, as needed. Questions, comments, or concerns about the LAC may be sent to Joel Anderson, JoelA@wsac.wa.gov.