

## **WEIAOB 2026 Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC) Summary: April 23, 2026**

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### **Background Information**

Following the Board's creation of a 2026 Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC) on July 17, 2025, 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\* (*replaced by Maddy Thompson*)
- Dr. Terri Standish-Kuon

*\*No longer on the Board.*

### **Summary of Work Completed: August 13, 2025-March 12, 2026**

During the 2025 interim and 2026 legislative session, LAC members helped:

- Compile, analyze, and discuss data on appropriations from the Workforce Education Investment Account (WEIA, since 2019-21).
- Develop a [presentation on WEIA](#) for the Joint Higher Education Committee (December 3, 2025).
- Draft and distribute [2026 legislative recommendations](#).
- Draft and submit the Board's [2025 legislative report](#).
- Draft and file legislation ([SB 5931](#)) to amend the Board's statute ([RCW 28B.77.310](#)).
- Review and discuss legislation during the 2026 legislative session related to postsecondary education and WEIA.
- Draft and distribute [feedback on the House and Senate's](#) 2026 supplemental operating budget proposals related to postsecondary education and WEIA.

All materials from LAC meetings are publicly available in the Board's [meeting materials archive](#).