



WASHINGTON STATE LEADERSHIP BOARD

RECOGNIZING LEADERS. CULTIVATING LEADERSHIP.

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

November 1, 2023

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Streaming Location:

WA State Leadership Board Office
120 Union Ave SW
Suite 103
Olympia, WA 98501

1. Welcome/Call-to-order

The Executive Committee of the Washington State Leadership Board (WSLB) convened at 10:30 a.m. with streaming available at WSLB's Office. The meeting began at 10:38 a.m. and was presided over by Co-President, Brian Moreno, with Conner Huey as Secretary.

2. Roll Call, Adoption of Agenda, and Meeting Minutes

- Roll call

Name	Title	Present
Voting Officers		
Brian Moreno	Co-President	X
Colin Pierce	Co-President & Washington World Fellows Committee Chair	X
Mary Cadera	Treasurer	
Conner Huey	Secretary	X
Chester Baldwin	Board Governance Committee Chair	
Andrea Ornelas	Boundless Washington/Team S.A.M. Committee Chair & At-Large	X
Olivia Sarriugarte	Compassion Scholars Committee Chair & At Large	X
Non-Voting Officers		
Allison Ball	Honors Committee Chair	
Mark Gjurasic	Legislative Affairs Committee Chair	X
Staff		
Audrey Baker	Executive Director	X
Amy Ubungen	Director of Programming	X

Grace Ramos-Cartagena	Operations Manager	X
Claire Muehleisen	Programs Coordinator	X

- **Adoption of Agenda and Meeting Minutes**

The motion to approve today’s agenda and the meeting’s minutes from September 22, 2023, was motioned by Mary Cadera and seconded by Olivia Sarriugarte. The motion was carried.

3. Opening Comments

Co-president, Colin Pierce echoes historical sentiments regarding the direction of the Board as an agency and looks forward to the board moving away from logistical conversations and diving further into programming and conceptualization, examples include the upcoming mission and vision workshop.

4. Business

Committee Recommendations

- **Washington World Fellows Committee**

Motion to approve the WA World Fellows Domestic Advocates Program.

The proposal for the Washington World Fellows Domestic Advocates Program was presented and recommended for adoption. The Domestic Advocates Program includes leadership development, global exchange experience, and college/career preparation. The Domestic Advocates program aims to provide a global exchange experience to students who cannot travel to Spain for various reasons. The program also focuses on teaching students to be advocates in their everyday lives and connecting them with existing organizations that support advocacy and leadership.

The motion to adopt the WA World Fellows Domestic Advocates Program was motioned by Colin Pierce and seconded by Mary Cadera.

- **Honors Committee**

Nomination Presentation

The committee discussed nominees for the upcoming 48th Annual WA Leadership Awards.

Vote

- **Legacy of Service**

The motion to award Dr. Jan Yoshihara the Washingtonian of the Year was motioned by Andrea Ornelas and seconded by Mary Cadera.

- **Organization of the Year**

The committee expressed admiration for all the nominees but ultimately decide to award WELD the Organization of the Year due to their exceptional work in addressing recidivism. The motion to award WELD, Organization of the Year was motioned by Olivia Sarriugarte and seconded by Mark Gjurasic.

- **Washingtonian of the Year**

The motion to award Dr. Marsha Linehan the Legacy of Service Award was motioned by Olivia Sarriugarte and seconded by Mark Gjurasic.

- **Justice for All**

The Justice for All Award nominations were discussed, with one nomination being withdrawn and the other being Washington Building Leaders of the Change. The organization was started by grassroots community organizers and educators in South Seattle after the murder of Mike Brown. Their work includes running the Children's Defense Fund Freedom Schools as a summer program and supporting elementary schools to implement restorative practices. The motion to award WA-BLOC the Justice for All award was motioned by Olivia Sarriugarte and seconded by Andrea Ornelas.

- **Emerging Leader (vacant)**

No motion carried.

Announcements

- **Organization Vision and Mission Workshop**

Executive Director, Audrey Baker announces the upcoming Mission, Vision and Goal Setting workshop with logistics to be sent out in a later detailed itinerary.

5. Public Comment

No public comment was made.

6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

Co-President, Brian Moreno expresses his appreciation for the group and their passion for the work, citing the thoughtful discussions and engaged nominations as evidence of their commitment.

The meeting ends with a motion to adjourn at 11:36 a.m.

MINUTES SUBMITTED BY:

Grace Ramos-Cartagena

Grace Ramos-Cartagena, Operations Manager

MINUTES APPROVED BY:

Conner Huey

Conner Huey, WSLB Secretary

Brian Moreno

Brian Moreno, WSLB Co-President

