



BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 13, 2025
9:00 am- 11:00 am

AGENDA

Virtual, over zoom

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PACE Trustees: Tim Belanger (Chair), Business Director, Oregon Trail 46; Dawn Moorefield (Vice Chair), Interim Superintendent, Jefferson SD; David Kruse, Director of Safety & Risk, North Clackamas; Dawn Watson, OSBA Board Member, Phoenix-Talent 4; Olivia Meyers-Buch, Director of Operations and Finance, Lane ESD; Brad Henry, Chief Financial Officer, Jefferson County SD; John Rexford (Trustee Emeritus), Leadership Support Specialist, High Desert ESD; Sean Taggart, Director of Risk Management, Rogue Community College; George Mendoza, Superintendent, La Grande SD.

OSBA Staff: Dave Harvey, PACE Administrator; Emily Welborn, PACE Sr. Administrative Assistant; Emielle Nischik, Executive Director; Haley Percel, Interim Deputy Executive Director;

SDAO Staff: Frank Stratton, Executive Director; Scott Neufeld, Deputy Director; Dan Davenport, Director of Risk Management; Jens Jensen, Property Casualty Claims Manager; Chris Hill, Underwriting Manager; Michael Doherty, Chief Financial Officer; Troy DeYoung, Sr. Risk Management Consultant; Angela Smith, Sr. Claims Consultant; Tim Bauer, Claims Consultant.

Guests: Richard Poling, StrucSure Risk Management Group; Katie Rector, Brown and Brown; Cliff Simpson, Brown and Brown; Andy Lauersdorf, Maloney Lauersdorf Reiner Law Firm; Bob Steringer, Harrang Long Law Firm; Laurie Hager, Snell and Wilmer Law Firm.

- I. **Welcome – 9:00 am-** *Tim Belanger, Chair called meeting to order at 9:01 am.*
- II. **Executive Session called to order at 9:04 am**
 - a. ORS 192.660(2)(h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.
 - i. Following executive session the board will enter back into the regular meeting.
Executive session ended at 10:21 am.
- III. **Action Items**
 - a. Action item(s), if any, pertaining to executive session.

David Kruse moved “authorization to negotiate resolution with Genesis in regard to David Douglas settlement.” Brad Henry seconded. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passes unanimously.

Olivia Meyers-Buch: Yea, David Kruse: Yea, Brad Henry: Yea, Sean Taggart: Yea, George Medoza: Yea, Tim Belanger: Yea, Dawn Moorefield: Yea, Dawn Watson: Yea.

b. Underwriting Department presentations and PACE Trust Board action items

Property reinsurance:

- Current market is soft with downward pressure on rates
- High dollar amount claims this past claim year (Bend-La Pine and Medford)
- Domestic markets offering quotes of flat to 5% rate increase
- Excess layers seeing rate reductions of 5-17.5%

Liability coverage:

- Genesis provided primary quote with an 8.8% rate increase
- Retention increased to \$500,000 to \$2.5 million
- Euclid Hudson quote was considered prohibitively expensive

Market exploration:

- Obsidian: Competitive but lacking rating, not pursued
- Munich Re: Quoted to replace Euclid Hudson without corridor deductible
- Genesis: Provided a backup quote for second layer
- Safety National: Declined due to habitational exposure
- Old Republic: Declined without specific reason

Sexual Misconduct Coverage:

- Original endorsement had defense costs eroding liability limits
- Feedback from agents suggested this was uncompetitive
- Proposed change: Move defense costs outside liability limits
- Consistent with other liability coverage approaches
- Qualification depends on loss history and risk management responses
- K-12 schools need 4 out of 5 acceptable risk management answers for higher coverage
- Community colleges and ESDs evaluated more flexibly

Terrorism Coverage:

- Coming in at approximately a 15% rate reduction
- Quotes received from existing markets
- Renewal is consistent with previous coverage

Equipment Breakdown Coverage:

- Renewal quote is coming in at essentially flat rates

- No significant changes or increases noted
- Quotes received from current markets

i. Property reinsurance— Chris Hill, Cliff Simpson and Katie Rector

- a. “I would seek a resolution to deal with the property reinsurance matrix, to authorize staff to complete binding coverage for the 25-26 coverage year, as long as that coverage stays substantially within budget and within our existing coverage documents.”

Brad Henry motioned. George Mendoza seconded. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passes unanimously.

Olivia Meyers-Buch: Yea, David Kruse: Yea, Brad Henry: Yea, Sean Taggart: Yea, George Medoza: Yea, Tim Belanger: Yea, Dawn Moorefield: Yea, Dawn Watson: Yea.

- b. “I move to approve the equipment breakdown and terrorism coverage as presented.”

Brad Henry motioned. George Mendoza seconded. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passes unanimously.

Olivia Meyers-Buch: Yea, David Kruse: Yea, Brad Henry: Yea, Sean Taggart: Yea, George Medoza: Yea, Tim Belanger: Yea, Dawn Moorefield: Yea, Dawn Watson: Yea.

ii. Liability reinsurance- Chris Hill and Richard Poling

- a. “Motion to approve the recommendations for liability and cyber liability coverage as presented.”

George Mendoza motioned. Brad Henry seconded. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passes unanimously.

Olivia Meyers-Buch: Yea, David Kruse: Yea, Brad Henry: Yea, Sean Taggart: Yea, George Medoza: Yea, Tim Belanger: Yea, Dawn Moorefield: Yea, Dawn Watson: Yea.

“Motion to embellish the last motion to authorize staff to finish negotiation and binding liability coverage for the 25-26 year with the understanding that it stays substantially within the budget approved by the Board previously.”

Dawn Moorefield motioned. George Mendoza seconded. None opposed. Sean Taggart abstained. Motion passes.

Olivia Meyers-Buch: Yea, David Kruse: Yea, Brad Henry: Yea, Sean Taggart: Abstain, George Medoza: Yea, Tim Belanger: Yea, Dawn Moorefield: Yea, Dawn Watson: Yea.

iii. Sexual Misconduct Coverage Endorsement Language – Chris Hill and Richard Poling

a. *I move to approve the language change as presented.*

George Mendoza motioned. Brad Henry seconded. None opposed. None abstained. Motion passes unanimously.

Olivia Meyers-Buch: Yea, David Kruse: Yea, Brad Henry: Yea, Sean Taggart: Yea, George Medoza: Yea, Tim Belanger: Yea, Dawn Moorefield: Yea, Dawn Watson: Yea.

IV. **Upcoming Trust Meetings and Activities**

- a. July 21 & 22, 2025- *Bend*
- b. September 8, 2025 - *Salem*
- c. December 3, 2025- *Eugene*
- d. February 9, 2026- *Salem*
- e. April 22, 2026- *Sunriver*
- f. April 23, 2026- *PACE Day- Sunriver*
- g. July 20 & 21, 2026- *Bend*

V. **Adjourn- Meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.**