

**OEA Board of Directors
July 2023 Online Vote
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

1. Affirmed the appointment of Jessie Keplinger as the Central-4 representative to the OEA Board of Directors, effective immediately, until an election is held at Central's next Representative Assembly.
2. Approved Board committee and committee liaison assignments.

**OEA Board of Directors Report
July 25, 2023**

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OEA Board of Director**

1. Seated the following alternates at this meeting: Amy Grittani representing Central-7, Juliann Doerschuk representing ECOEA-2, Karen Marquis representing ECOEA-3, Suzie Neff representing NEOEA-1, and Rob McFee representing NEOEA-4.
2. Approved the President's recommendations:
 - The appointment of Tammy LaPlante to the President's Advisory Cabinet.
 - The appointment of the following to the OEA Educational Foundation Board of Directors:
 - Lori Knisley, for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2026.
 - Angela Stewart, for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2026.
 - The appointment of the following to the Collective Bargaining and Member Advocacy Standing Committee:
 - Meaghan Coe, representing Central OEA/NEA, effective upon receipt of acceptance, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - Carl DeCarlo, representing Higher Ed., effective upon receipt of acceptance, with a term ending July 14, 2026.
 - Matt Pidgeon, representing OAESP, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2025.
 - Mollie Wagenknecht, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - Brittany Mravec, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - Lillian Tolbert, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - The appointment of the following to the Convention Planning Standing Committee:
 - Katheryn McAbee, representing SWOEA, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2025.
 - Patti Dice, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.

- Tim Skamfer, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - Rachel Grim, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
- The appointment of the following to the Human and Civil Rights Standing Committee:
 - Melissa Kmetz, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024
 - Derek Burtch, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - Katie Fuller, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
- The appointment of the following to the Legislative Standing Committee:
 - Amber Clark, representing Central OEA/NEA, effective upon receipt of acceptance, with a term ending July 14, 2026.
 - Eric Sottosanti, representing S.C.O.P.E., effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2026.
 - Gerry Curran, representing OEA-Retired, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2026.
 - Dajsha Williams, representing HC, effective September 1, 2023, with a term ending July 14, 2026.
 - Herman “M.J.” Burkett, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - Brandy Barborak, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - Jennifer Jugler, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
- The appointment of the following to the Local Development and Training Standing Committee:
 - Cody Seesholtz, representing S.C.O.P.E., effective upon receipt of acceptance, with a term ending July 14, 2026.
 - Martha Davis, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - Donna O’Connor, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - Matthew Hickman, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
- The appointment of the following to the Organizing Strategy Standing Committee:
 - James Corrin, representing Higher Ed., effective upon receipt of acceptance, with a term ending July 14, 2026.
 - Kirsten Long, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024
 - Maria Mueller, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024

- Phyllis Carter-Bell, effective September 1, 2023, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
- The appointment of the following to the Professional Efficacy Standing Committee:
 - Lynne Graves, representing S.C.O.P.E., effective upon receipt of acceptance, with a term ending July 14, 2026.
 - Gretchen Washington, representing OEA-Retired, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2026
 - Anthony Coy-Gonzalez, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - Annelise Taggart, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - Amy Neal, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
- The appointment of the following to the Resolutions Standing Committee:
 - Jodi Wilber, representing S.C.O.P.E., effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2026.
 - Bethany Bell, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - Ivis Flanagan, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
 - Kristine Twigg, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2024.
- 3. Accepted the financial reports for June 30, 2023.
- 4. Approved the 2023-2024 Standing Committee charges.
- 5. Adopted modifications to the 2023-2024 Board of Directors meeting calendar.
- 6. Elected Dan Greenberg as a Board of Directors representative to the OEA Fund State Council, effective immediately, with a term ending August 31, 2024; elected Marchell Josie as Dan's alternate, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2026; elected Denise Hermetz as the alternate to Adrienne Bowden, effective immediately, with a term ending July 14, 2025.
- 7. Elected Tammy LaPlante to the OEA Educational Foundation Board of Directors for a three-year term beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2026.

Takeaways:

1. The attacks on public education continued with an unprecedented expansion of school vouchers included in the state budget bill. Matt Huffman, President of the Ohio Senate, even suggested that the state give taxpayer dollars to private schools to build new buildings. We must build and strengthen our union to fight these attacks on public education! OEA members are set to work on issues of concern to all educators through OEA's Standing Committees. The Standing Committees will study and

make recommendations for OEA action on managing student behavior, educator safety, supporting mid-career educators, and providing high-quality diversity training.

Asks:

1. Vote NO on Issue 1 on August 8 and encourage your family, colleagues, and neighbors to do the same. This anti-democratic proposal must be defeated! OEA's resources and volunteer information can be found by clicking on this link: [Vote No in August! Join the One Person One Vote Campaign! - Ohio Education Association \(ohea.org\)](https://www.ohea.org/vote-no-in-august-join-the-one-person-one-vote-campaign)
2. Encourage every local to conduct delegate elections and ensure that their local is fully represented for 2023-2024 Representative Assemblies. The deadline for conducting elections is October 10 and results must be reported to OEA by October 15. Local leaders with questions about OEA RA delegate elections should email oeara@ohea.org.

Race Class Narrative (RCN) messaging resources (both relevant to Ohio and nationally):

- [7/24/2023 RCN training slides \(for OEA board\)](#)
- [All In For Ohio - Honesty in Education](#) (to fight back against anti-CRT attacks in Ohio public schools)
- [We Make The Future - School Vouchers messaging](#) (some great language here about how to frame the school voucher fight and elevate the social good of public schools)
- [We Make The Future - Freedom to Learn](#) (national messaging guide on public education)
- **(Bonus!)** [We Make The Future - Transgender Youth and the Freedom to Be Ourselves](#) (in case you want guidance on how to respond to transphobic attacks in the classroom or with members - since this has been all over the news in Ohio)