

PESB UPDATE

From March 2025 Board Meetings



GENERAL AGENCY UPDATES

- On [May 6](#), PESB will host a [listening session](#) to seek input from the field on issues impacting ESA preparation programs, pre-service candidates, school districts, and in-service school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and other **ESA positions in Washington**.
- The **Clock Hour Provider Applications** must be complete by [May 31, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. PT](#). The application and multiple webinar and office hour opportunities can be found [here](#).

NEWS

- An educator-specific AI tool, Colleague AI, was presented by co-founder and UW Professor Dr. Min Sun, on March 24. Participants used the free tool during the event, learning how to create templates for differentiated task design, sample rubrics aligned with standards, and more.
- To honor Women's History Month, on March 31, Dr. Erica Hernandez-Scott presented *Storytelling as Research: A Narrative Inquiry of Latina Teachers in Urban School*, highlighting how qualitative research can support education.

MARCH BOARD MEETINGS

The Paraeducator Board ([meeting actions and annotations](#))

- The Board voted to initially update the minimum employment requirements to include the successful completion of a PESB-approved teacher academy as one way of meeting the minimum employment requirements.
- The Board heard an update on the ongoing work to create a first-of-its-kind Paraeducator on Special Assignment (POSA) within PESB.

PESB ([meeting actions and annotations](#))

- The Board initially considered amendments to the [WAC 181-82A-204](#) regarding adding endorsements via out-of-state programs. The current WAC is causing confusion in the field, and [policy amendments being weighed](#) seek to provide a solution to this dilemma. Final consideration will take place at the May Board meeting.
- The Board approved motion language for two of the workgroup's recommendations, aligning cut scores to Advanced-Low for the ACTFL language proficiency assessment for World Languages and Bilingual Education and approving four more testing options for teachers to use to demonstrate language proficiency. This includes three tests from Avant and one from ALTA.

BOARD MEETINGS | [Meetings and locations](#)

Paraeducator Board meeting: **May 21-22, 2025** | The Hapo Center, Pasco, WA

PESB board meeting: **May 22-23, 2025** | The Hapo Center, Pasco, WA

PESB BOARD

- Adam Aguilera (Chair)
- Alejandro Castro-Wilson
- Amy Campbell
- Denise Renteria
- Juan Mata
- Kevin Roxas
- Michaela Jackson
- Michaela Miller
- Nicole Talbert
- Tenesha Fremstad
- (open) Superintendent
- (open) School Psych.

PARAEDUCATOR BOARD

- Doug Pace
- Jamie Wells
- Laura Rogers
- Lindsay Lightner
- Lizzy Sebring
- Pam Johnson (Chair)
- Spring Shoupe
- Susan Lathrop
- Michael Kantman