

**African American/Black
Student Success Plan
Advisory Committee
(AABSS)**

May 20, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Tina Kotek, Governor

Dr. Charlene Williams
Director of the Oregon
Department of Education
Deputy Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Michael Essien
Assistant Superintendent of the
Office of Equity, Diversity, and
Inclusion

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Time	Agenda Item	Details
9:00 a.m.	Welcome and Review Agenda & Norms Renee Anderson, Chair	
9:05 a.m.	Ice Breaker Damien Pitts, Vice Chair	<i>Community Building</i>
9:10 a.m.	Transformative Social Emotional Learning and Suicide Prevention in Oregon Schools Nole Kennedy Dr. Xylecia Fynn-Aikins	<i>Informational</i>
9:50 a.m.	Community Announcements Renee Anderson, Chair	<i>Informational</i>
9:55 a.m.	ODE Announcements Michael Essien, Assistant Superintendent of OEDI	<i>Informational</i>
10:00 a.m.	Urban League of Portland Aja McLeggan, Associate Director, Empowerment Programs, Urban League of Portland	<i>Grantee Presentation</i>
10:30 a.m.	Be-BLAC Greggery Peterson, Executive Director, Be-BLAC Foundation	<i>Grantee Presentation</i>
11:00 a.m.	Adjourn Renee Anderson, Chair	

Next Meeting: Online – June 17, 2026, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.