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Thuy DaoJensen

3. Full name \*

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5. Name of District or COE \*

Brentwood Union School District

6. Years on board \*

2

## 7. Profession

Education professor

## 8. Contact number \*

480-820-8412

## 9. Primary email address \*

tdaojensen@brentwood.k12.ca.us

## 10. Are you an incumbent Delegate? \*

Yes

No

## 11. Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. \*

As a former education professor who taught Diversity & Equity in Education to pre-service teachers, I want to stay informed about how diversity issues are integrated into the curriculum in California public schools. This year, I really liked the session where CSBA solicited ideas on what issues to focus advocacy. Being on Delegate Assembly allows me to have a voice in shaping legislative priorities for CSBA.

## 12. Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. \*

Since 2021, I have served on Delegate Assembly because I wanted to connect with other school board members. I have been the evaluator for the Golden Bell Award in 2021 and 2022 that culminated in two awards for a dual language immersion school and a school serving special education schools in a restrictive environment. I am also the VP of Legislation for Contra Costa County School Board Association.

## 13. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? \*

During the pandemic, there was a lot of incivility (bullying, intimidation tactics, shouting) at school board members during meetings across the state and nation. I'd like to see CSBA advocating on how to ensure the physical safety of school board members. The teacher shortage, the mental health concerns of teachers and students, and a push to increase funding for California public schools are all things that CSBA should be addressing.

# Delegate Assembly Biographical Sketch Form for 2023 Election



**Deadline: Saturday, January 7, 2023 | No late submissions accepted**

This form is required. An optional, one-page, single-sided, résumé may also be submitted. Do not state “see résumé.” Do not re-type this form. Please submit completed form via e-mail to [nominations@csba.org](mailto:nominations@csba.org) by no later than 11:59 p.m. on January 7, 2023. Forms may also be submitted via mail, to CSBA's Executive Office, at 3251 Beacon Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691, with a postmark of no later than January 7, 2023. It is the candidate's responsibility to confirm that CSBA has received nomination materials prior to the deadline.

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Signature:  Date: 12/16/2022

Name: Tamela Hawley CSBA Region & subregion #: 7A

District or COE: Profession: Educator Years on board: 3

Primary E-mail: thawley@wscuc.org Contact Number ( Cell  Home  Bus.): 935-595-8562

Are you an incumbent Delegate?  Yes  No If yes, year you became Delegate: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly.**

I am interested in becoming a Delegate because it forwards my goals of ensuring that my community continues to have accessible and equitable education for all students. For 30 years, I have been an advocate for education through my career as well as my work in the community. I have worked as a professor in the School of Education, a dean, a vice chancellor always with a lens of providing a high-quality teaching and learning environment. My area of expertise is in measuring educational institutional effectiveness and increasing access and achievement for diverse student populations. In my current job, as Vice President at the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), I get the chance to see the impact of good governance and the role of professional development on an institutional culture of equity and justice. As a Delegate to CSBA, I expect to play a role in strengthening governance, professional development, and for school districts across the state. I believe my unique qualities are my ability to listen to others and facilitate conversations that are important for people to have to create solutions. I also bring a multicultural lens through which I can appreciate the experiences and point of view of others in a profound way.

**Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA.**

I have always been a servant to my community, whether it be on our local school board, as a volunteer in my political party or as an advocate for youth sports. I currently serve as the Clerk for the LUHSD School Board and as a part of my role on the School Board I have regularly participated important committees such as our Brentwood Inter-Agency Council. I am part of our county's Democratic Party leadership team as a co-chair of our Endorsements Committee and a member of the Issues Committee, Elections Committee, By-laws Committee, and the ad-hoc Equity and Inclusion Task Force. I give back to the community of youth sports by participating as a superior judge for the United States Gymnastics Association and the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association. I have been involved in quality improvement for over 20 years, volunteering as an examiner for the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program and as a judge and trainer for the California Council for Excellence. As a respected member of the Brentwood community, I am often called upon to help in important ways, such as judging our Teaching and Learning Career Pathways' mock-interview program, being the guest speaker at our Black Student Baccalaureate Graduation Celebration, or merely judging our alternative education chili cook-off. One of the most rewarding experiences this past summer was being a panelist at our most recent social-justice teach-in, that also included student play-makers, community activists, teachers, and members of the clergy.

**What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it?**

The biggest challenge facing school boards is a governing a whole host of challenges facing districts as a result of a pre-pandemic world. Examples are learning-loss: the average district saw losses in California Assessment of Student Performance and Process in the range of 12% to 20% or more; student wellness including mental health and economic insecurity; and the fiscal impact of one-time monies granted by the State coming to an end for most districts. Another challenge facing school boards right now is a growing movement to stifle advances made in equity and justice in the learning environment. The CSBA pillars to strengthen local governance, secure fair public funding, improve conditions for children, and ensure achievement for all students are relevant to all these challenges. The continuing work of advocacy, education, and policy development can directly impact these challenges in a positive way. I believe there is room for expansion of what is already being done to address these challenges.



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Meredith Meade

3. Full name \*

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5. Name of District or COE \*

Lafayette School District

6. Years on board \*

6

## 7. Profession

Volunteer/Homemaker

## 8. Contact number \*

925-285-7225

## 9. Primary email address \*

mmeade@lafsd.org

## 10. Are you an incumbent Delegate? \*

Yes

No

## 11. Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. \*

I have been honored to represent our region as a Delegate for the past four years. I hope to continue to work on behalf of the students in our communities by advocating locally and at the state level for increasing funding, building equity and inclusion in our schools, finding more support and resources for mental health services, and searching for more creative ways to recruit and retain teachers and support staff. I have worked collaboratively with our colleagues in other districts and fellow delegates. I will continue to be an active listener and leader who works hard to accomplish goals.

## 12. Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. \*

I served as President of our School Board in 2020 and was recently elected as Clerk for 2023. While President, I listened to and communicated with all stakeholders and collaborated with our partner districts as we all worked through the challenges of distance learning. As a Delegate, I worked on the Full and Fair Funding Initiative, represented our Region by serving on the Candidate Review Committee last year, and was a Co-Convenor at Delegate Assembly during the inaugural Policy Pillar Review Committees. I also am honored to serve on the Board of the UC Berkeley Library.

## 13. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? \*

I believe we have several challenges to address. Re-engaging students after distance learning while ensuring that our schools are offering a rigorous and comprehensive curriculum in safe and inclusive schools is a priority. Additionally, finding new ways to recruit and retain teachers and support staff is a challenge that all districts face. CSBA can continue to help board members strategize and advocate for increased funding on behalf of the students we represent. As a collective body, CSBA can also encourage and identify innovative ideas to promote equity and inclusivity, mandated state costs, and advocating for more opportunities for increasing the teacher pipeline.

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Richard Severy

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Richard Severy

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5. Name of District or COE \*

6. Years on board \*

## 7. Profession

Attorney - retired

## 8. Contact number \*

(925) 999-5119

## 9. Primary email address \*

rsevery@moraga.k12.ca.us

## 10. Are you an incumbent Delegate? \*

Yes

No

## 11. Why are you interested in becoming a Delegate? Please describe the skills and experiences you would bring to the Delegate Assembly. \*

The Delegate Assembly is a vital forum for advancing the interests of all of our districts and students. I have been privileged to represent our region for the past five years. I hope to continue bringing my skills as a public policy advocate, experienced board member, strategist and consensus-builder to its work. I have worked collaboratively with board members in other districts to advocate for increased funding, expanding services to support student wellness, preserving local control, and expanding opportunities for teachers to enter the field.

## 12. Please describe your activities and involvement on your local board, community, and/or CSBA. \*

I have served twice as President of my local school board and helped lead two successful bond and parcel tax campaigns, both of which prevailed with more than 70% voter approval. I was a member of CSBA's Legislative Committee the past two years, where I advocated on behalf of Contra Costa schools and students. I am a MIG graduate, attended two CSBA Leadership Institutes and other conferences, and participated in CSBA's Legislative Days. I have been Vice President-Legislation of the Contra Costa County School Boards Association.

## 13. What do you see as the biggest challenge facing governing boards and how can CSBA help address it? \*

Obtaining sufficient funding (with COVID relief funds winding down and state revenues declining) is critical so that all LEAs have the necessary resources to address student social and emotional wellness needs, provide services for special education students, attract and retain quality teachers, and achieve academic excellence. CSBA successfully advocated for increased funding in 2022 and will continue to do so. CSBA can provide LEAs with guidance on how to foster a culture of equity and inclusiveness. CSBA has also begun work to help LEAs strengthen governance practices so that districts can focus on student needs and function well in the face of increasing social discord.

**RICHARD SEVERY**  
Moraga, CA 94556  
Email: Richardsevery@gmail.com

### **Professional Experience**

**Pro-Bono Attorney, Oasis Legal Services** (Berkeley, CA -- 2018-present): Represent applicants for affirmative asylum before U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

**Assistant General Counsel, Verizon** (San Francisco, CA -- 2006-2014): Responsible for advocating and implementing Verizon's strategic regulatory policy initiatives in numerous states.

**Director, Regulatory and Government Affairs, MCI** (San Francisco, CA -- 1990-2005): Responsible for MCI's regulatory, legislative and public policy activities in 18 western states; managed team of in-house and contract attorneys and lobbyists.

**Associate Regulatory Counsel, MCI Telecommunications Corp.** (Washington, D.C. -- 1986-1990): Represented MCI on technology and regulatory policy issues before the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and U.S. Courts of Appeals.

**Regulatory Counsel, MCI Cellular** (Washington, D.C. -- 1983-1986) Managed regulatory and litigation activities of MCI's wireless subsidiary before federal and state regulatory agencies.

**Associate Attorney, Fortas and Koven** (Washington, D.C. -- 1977-1981): Represented national wireless industry association before the FCC, federal appellate court and Congress.

**Attorney, Federal Communications Commission** (Washington, D.C. -- 1975-1977): Provided legal and analytical support for the development of new regulatory policies for the telecommunications industry, and prepared orders for Commission approval.

### **School Board Experience**

Moraga School Board Trustee (2016-present); President (2019 and 2022)  
Co-Chair, Measure V (Moraga) School Bond Campaign Committee (2016)  
Member, California School Boards Association's Delegate Assembly (2018-present)  
Member, California School Boards Association's Legislative Committee (2021-2022)  
Graduate, CSBA Masters in Governance program  
Vice President-Legislation, Contra Costa County School Boards Assn. (2017-2018, 2021-2022)

### **Education**

University of California, Berkeley (A.B. 1972)  
Catholic University of America (J.D. 1975)

### **Professional Activities**

Board of Directors, California Association of Telecommunications Companies (1991-2005)  
Speaker at more than 30 legal education seminars and professional conferences  
Contributor to *Telecommunications Law, Regulation, and Policy* (1998)

