



STATE OF WASHINGTON

SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION

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SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2025 12:00pm – 1:00pm

1500 Jefferson Building

Olympia, WA 98516

and Zoom

Members Present:

Hon. J. Wesley Saint Clair, Chair

Hon. Jeffery Swan

Greg Link

Secretary Tim Lang

Ramona Brandes

Councilmember Carmen Rivera (proxy:

Jeremiah Bourgeois)

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Chief Brian Smith/Chief Fuller

Amy Anselmi

Dr. Esther Matthews

Dr. Vasiliki Georgoulas-Sherry

Norrie Gregoire

Hon. Sharonda Amamilo

Hon. Veronica Galván

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Rochelle Cleland

Jon Tunheim (proxy: Chief Smith/Chief Fuller)

Kecia Rongen

Commissioner Tye Menser

Hon. Josephine Wiggs

Members Absent:

Rep. Tarra Simmons

Jennifer Redman

Senator Claire Wilson

Hon. Karen Donohue

Guests:

Stephanie Budrus, DCYF

Allison Krutsinger, DCYF

Staff:

Keri-Anne Jetzer

Dr. Lauren Knoth-Peterson, PSPRC

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Judge Saint Clair called the meeting to order.

II. DRAFT LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Keri-Anne announced that there are three bills on which the SGC has taken a position but have changed significantly enough that they may change the SGC's position.

SHB 1668 - Concerning community custody.

Keri-Anne briefed members on the changes to this bill, which eliminated the concern the SGC originally had.

MOTION #25-40: NO POSITION ON SHB 1668

MOVED: Ramona Brandes

SECONDED: Judge Swan

PASSED: Y – 11; N - 0

ABSTAIN: Secretary Lang, Kecia Rongen, Dr. Georgoulas-Sherry, Amy Anselmi, Rochelle Clelland

SHB 1180 – Implementing certain recommendations from the sex offender policy board concerning the criminal offense of failure to register.

Keri-Anne briefed members on the changes to the bill, stating that it now brings the bill into alignment with the SOPB’s recommendations. Members did not wish to change the SGC’s position.

SSB 5227 – Concerning offenses involving child sex dolls.

Keri-Anne briefed members on the bill noting that it now included the offense rankings as recommended by the SGC. She noted that the concern originally expressed by the SGC is no longer in the bill.

Ramona Brandes indicated she did not support this bill and inquired if the SGC should be taking a position on whether this should be a crime or not. She suggested the SGC take a neutral position on the bill. Dr. Matthews and Greg Link agreed.

MOTION #25-41: SUPPORT SSB 5227

MOVED: Norrie Gregoire

SECONDED: Judge Swan

PASSED: Y – 2; N - 8

ABSTAIN: Dr. Georgoulas-Sherry, Amy Anselmi, Secretary Lang, Kecia Rongen, Chief Smith, Rochelle Clelland

MOTION #25-42: NO POSITION ON SSB 5227

MOVED: Ramona Brandes

SECONDED: Judge Galván

PASSED: Y – 11; N - 0

ABSTAIN: Dr. Georgoulas-Sherry, Amy Anselmi, Secretary Lang, Kecia Rongen, Rochelle Clelland, Norrie Gregoire

Keri-Anne updated members on the juvenile population management bills (2SHB 1322/2SSB5296, 2SHB 1917, and 2SSB 5278) and asked members if there was any change in the established SGC positions to these bills. Dr. Lauren Knoth-Peterson reviewed a comparison document she created for these bills. No change in position was warranted.

SHB 1110 – Vacating convictions for driving under the influence.

Keri-Anne briefed members on the bill. Ramona Brandes referred to a recent court ruling related to the vacation of DUI-related offenses and believed this bill was in response to that ruling. Greg Link remarked that, while this bill doesn't neatly fit in with what the SGC does, he thought it addressed a tension related to vacating convictions about whether the vacated offenses can score later. He believed this bill offers a path forward by recognizing that there is a way to vacate offenses, and yet still have a way to use the vacated offenses to address any future punishment for those to reoffend.

MOTION #25-43: SUPPORT SHB 1110

MOVED: Ramona Brandes

SECONDED: Jeremiah Bourgeois

PASSED: Y – 9; N - 2

ABSTAIN: Secretary Lang, Dr. Georgoulas-Sherry, Judge Swan, Judge Wiggs,
Rochelle Clelland, Norrie Gregoire

HB 1487/SSB 5362 – Concerning victims of crime act funding.

Keri-Anne noted that there was a tabled motion from the last meeting regarding this bill. She reported that it did not pass out of the fiscal committee but since it has fiscal impact, it can arise at any time before the end of the legislative session. Since there was a tabled motion to continue discussion of this bill, she asked if members wished to continue. Judge Galván suggested SGC not expend time and resources on bills that are not currently viable.

Ramona Brandes noted there was a public safety bill (HB 2015) that was still alive and suggested the language of HB1487/SSB 5362 bill could be included in HB 2015 later in the session.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no members of the public who wished to speak to the Commission.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION



5/9/25

Judge J. Wesley Saint Clair (Ret), Chair

Date