



STATE OF WASHINGTON

SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION

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MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2025 9:00am – 12:00pm

1500 Jefferson Building, Room 2330

Olympia, WA 98516

and Zoom

Members Present:

Hon. Sharonda Amamilo, Acting Chair
Hon. J. Wesley Saint Clair (proxy: Judge Amamilo)
Greg Link
Secretary Tim Lang
Ramona Brandes (proxy: Kate Benward)
Hon. Karen Donohue (proxy: Judge Galván)
Hon. Jeffery Swan
Commissioner Tye Menser
Councilmember Carmen Rivera
Jeremiah Bourgeois
Norrie Gregoire
Chief Brian Smith/Chief Kal Fuller
Dr. Vasiliki Georgoulas-Sherry
Dr. Esther Matthews
Rochelle Cleland (proxy: Kellee Kikumoto)
Hon. Veronica Galván
Hon. Josephine Wiggs

Members Absent:

Rep. Tarra Simmons
Jennifer Redman
Senator Claire Wilson
Kecia Rongen
Jon Tunheim
Amy Anselmi

Staff:

Keri-Anne Jetzer
Dr. Lauren Knoth-Peterson, PSPRC
Whitney Hunt, SOPB

I. CALL TO ORDER

Acting Chair Judge Amamilo called the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #25-47: APPROVE JANUARY 31, 2025, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MOVED: Greg Link

SECONDED: Dr. Matthews

PASSED: Passed

MOTION #25-48: APPROVE FEBRUARY 7, 2025, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MOVED: Greg Link
SECONDED: Jeremiah Bourgeois
PASSED: Passed

MOTION #25-49: APPROVE FEBRUARY 14, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

MOVED: Greg Link
SECONDED: Jeremiah Bourgeois
PASSED: Passed

III. LEGISLATIVE BILL UPDATE

Keri-Anne provided an update on the current status of legislative bills that were still moving as of the April SGC meeting.

IV. 2025 WORK PLAN

Keri-Anne presented the results of the work plan survey and members discussed it. There was a question about what the workload would entail and how much could Dr. Knoth-Peterson assist. Dr. Knoth-Peterson replied that it depended on the scope of what the members want.

Greg Link inquired if the review of indeterminate sentencing was something the SOPB would be interested in working on. Whitney Hunt replied that the SOPB can only meet when convened by the Governor or a Legislative committee chair, so they are currently not meeting. She added that there might be some staff work that she could assist with, however.

When discussing how to approach a review of the sentencing alternatives, Dr. Matthews suggested getting an overview of all the sentencing alternatives first. From there, members can decide which ones to look into more deeply. Norrie Gregoire supported Dr. Matthews' approach. Secretary Lang hoped that the review would also look at the complexity of the sentencing alternatives.

Judge Swan inquired what the timeline would be for these work projects. Greg Link suggested the due date be before the next biennial legislative session. Discussion arrived at a due date at the end of fiscal year 2026 and to have the SOPB complete a separate report, independent of the SGC.

**MOTION #25-50: SUBMIT REQUEST TO REP GOODMAN AND SEN DHINGRA
ASKING SOPB TO WORK ON REVIEWING THE
INDETERMINATE SENTENCING SCHEME FOR SEX
OFFENSES.**

MOVED: Greg Link
SECONDED: Dr. Matthews
PASSED: Y – 13; N - 0
ABSTAINED: Secretary Lang, Dr. Georgoulas-Sherry, Kellee Kikumoto

It was decided to include both adult and juvenile sentencing alternatives in the review, focusing on the juvenile alternatives found in statute. Members agreed on the need to be intentional about including juvenile sentencing issues in its discussions.

Greg Link remarked that it has been about 10 years since the juvenile board cases were instituted. He suggested a review of this group.

Keri-Anne confirmed the following topics for the work plan:

- 1) Review of adult and juvenile sentencing alternatives
- 2) Review of indeterminate sentences (CCB and JuvBrd)
 - a. SOPB possibly assist with CCB review
 - b. 10 yr review of JuvBrd cases
- 3) Update 20 years of sentencing trends report

Dr. Knoth-Peterson noted that while the SGC is working on #1, #3 will be happening in the background. She and Keri-Anne will present to the SGC periodically on data related to #3 to get feedback. She also mentioned that PSPRC will need to acquire the juvenile disposition data from the CFC before any work on juvenile projects can begin.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Matthews gave members an update on the recent work of the Jail Modernization Task Force. She reported the Task Force funding has been cut causing it to end its work by June instead of December. More meetings have been added to ensure the Task Force is able to make its recommendations on time. The Task Force is focusing on six issues: emergency response time funding, correctional officer needs, infrastructure and funding, physical and behavioral health, and diversion and reentry.

Dr. Georgoulas-Sherry reported that the Legal and Contract Services Director informed her that the AG has provided some preliminary advice and the director is working to determine what is privileged information and what can be shared with the SGC. An update on this will be provided at the next SGC meeting. Regarding the SGC submitting request legislation, Dr. Georgoulas-Sherry stated the Legal and Contract Services Director is working with OFM's Legislative Director on it. Due to the legislature still being in session, an answer will not be available until after sine die.

Jeremiah Bourgeois informed members that the Juvenile Committee met earlier this week to discuss a work plan. A member suggested reviewing the juvenile sentencing grid to look at potential disparities and any scoring or classification of offenses that appear as anomalies. The committee is working on establishing its structure and taking some historical information into consideration. He reported that DCYF will be presenting on its new disciplinary management system and Dr. Knoth-Peterson on the juvenile sentencing guidelines to get an overview of that system. Jeremiah anticipated having a work plan after getting further clarification on what they can and should do as a committee. He also reached out to Norrie Gregoire to invite other stakeholders who may be interested in reviewing the juvenile sentencing grid. Norrie reported that he reached out to a deputy prosecuting attorney who specializes in juvenile justice but invited SGC members to contact him with any other names of persons they think would be

interested. Dr. Matthews believed it was important to add people with lived experience to the committee and suggested reaching out to Team Child's Advisory Board, which includes young people who are currently in the system, with the hopes that someone there might join. Jeremiah Bourgeois remarked that he would be happy to contact DCYF to see if he can visit Green Hill School as they have outside volunteers and sponsors that might be of assistance.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No member of the public wished to address the members.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #25-50: MOTION TO ADJOURN EARLY

MOVED: Jeremian Bourgeois

SECONDED: Dr. Matthews

PASSED: Passed

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SENTENCING GUIDELINES COMMISSION



5/9/25

Judge J. Wesley Saint Clair (Ret), Chair

Date