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SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

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SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

August 17, 2023, 2023 1:00pm-4:00pm

Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Michael O'Connell
Jill Getty
Terrina Peterson
Richard Torrance
Jamie Weimer
Christine Minney
Jedd Pelander
Mac Pevey

Members Absent:

Brad Meryhew
Shawn Sant
Hon. Nelson Lee
Sonja Hardenbrook
Blanche Barajas
Keith Devos

Staff:

Whitney Hunt, OFM
Keri-Anne Jetzer, OFM
Lauren Knoth-Peterson, OFM

Members Represented by

Proxy:

Christian Brown for Jimmy
Hung and Shawn Sant

IMPORTANT NOTE: The recording for this meeting is available upon request and/or may be viewed on TVW [here](#).

Meeting Notes

Welcome & Call to Order

- **Whitney** reminded meeting participants to mute their microphones when not speaking and asked them to use the chat function through Zoom whenever they would like. **Whitney** also reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded and the recording is available upon request, shared and reviewed the duties of the SOPB, and stated there will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the meeting during the “For the Good of the Order” section.

Meeting Objectives

SGC/SOPB Joint Project Discussion

- **Rick** shared an overview of the purpose of this project and the scope of the SOPBs role.

- **Whitney** shared a list of crimes by grid level (current and proposed) for discussion by charge.
- **Rick** opened the discussion around the assignment.
- **Christian** suggested adding the low and high ranges of the proposed levels for each offense's current levels to the list for greater clarity and understanding.
 - **Whitney** stated she will add these.
- Comments from **Keri-Anne** and **Lauren** were given concerning reclassifying certain offenses to maintain serious levels.
 - **Keri-Anne** added that part of the SOPBs goal for this project is to get the proposed levels similar to the current levels.

Break

SGC/SOPB Joint Project Discussion (Resumed)

- The board held conversations on the following offenses (to include data review, input from lived experience, and/or initial recommendations – see [recording](#) for full conversation):
- [SOPB Meeting Recording - August 17, 2023](#)
 - Sexual Misconduct with a Minor 1
 - [RCW 9A.44.093](#)
 - Class: C; Serious Level: 5
 - The board discussed moving this offense up to Class B.
 - Child Molestation 3
 - [RCW 9A.44.089](#)
 - Class: C; Serious Level: 5
 - The board discussed moving this offense up to Class B.
 - More data is needed before making a decision.
 - Rape 3
 - [RCW 9A.44.060](#)
 - Class: C; Serious Level: 5
 - The board discussed moving this offense up to Class B.
 - More data is needed before making a decision.
 - Incest 2
 - [RCW 9A.64.020](#)
 - Class: C; Serious Level: 5
 - The board discussed maintaining or lowering the Serious Level of this offense.
 - More data is needed before making a decision.
 - Sending, Bringing into the State Depictions of Minor Engaged in Sexually Explicit Conduct 2
 - [RCW 9.68A.060](#)
 - Class: B; Serious Level: 5

- The board discussed maintaining or lowering the Serious Level of this offense.
 - More data is needed before making a decision.

Next Steps

- Deadline: SOPB presents its recommendations to SGC on 10/13. Materials due to Commission prior to presentation.
- Next SOPB full board meeting: September 7, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

For the Good of the Order

- **Rick** approved the meeting transition to public comment.
 - **Whitney** reminded meeting participants that public comments would be limited to 90 seconds and stated that comments could also be submitted via chat or emailed to sopb@ofm.wa.gov.
- Public comment was received and can be reviewed [here](#).

Meeting Adjourned at 3:58 PM

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

 /s/
 Chair, Brad Meryhew

 1/18/24
 Date