



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

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**SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD**

August 3, 2023, 2023 1:00pm-4:00pm

Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Jimmy Hung  
Brad Meryhew  
Michael O'Connell  
Jill Getty  
Keith Devos  
Terrina Peterson  
Richard Torrance  
Jamie Weimer

Members Absent:

Blanche Barajas  
Shawn Sant  
Jedd Pelander  
Hon. Nelson Lee  
Sonja Hardenbrook  
Christine Minney

Staff:

Whitney Hunt, OFM  
Keri-Anne Jetzer, OFM

Members Represented by

Proxy:

Danta Harper for Mac Pevey

Guests: Vasiliki Georgoulas-Sherry, OFM; Joanne Smieja, WA Voices

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The recording for this meeting is available upon request and/or can 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 Assignment Discussion

- **Whitney** shared a list of crimes by grid level (current and proposed) for discussion by charge.
  - **Keri-Anne** reminded the board that it is not considering unranked charges for this project and any recommendations to move a crime to a new rank must include reasoning in the recommendation.
- **Brad** opened the discussion around the new assignment. The board held initial conversations on the following offenses (to include data review, input from lived experience, and/or initial recommendations – please see recording for full conversation):
  - Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor (CSAM)
    - Number of convictions: 56
      - Racial data: White: 46; BIPOC: 9; Unknown: 1
    - Number of charges filed: 298.
  - Rape 1
  - Rape 2
  - Rape 3
    - Number of convictions: 345
      - Racial data: White: 206; BIPOC: 136
  - Rape of a Child 1 (ROC 1)
    - Number of convictions: 26
      - Racial data: White: 18; BIPOC: 8
    - Number of charges filed: 3,784.
  - Rape of a Child 3 (ROC 3)
  - Promoting Travel for CSAM
    - This is unranked and is not included in the scope of this project.

## Break

### SOPB Staff Update

- **Dr. Vasiliki Georgoulas-Sherry (OFM)** updated the board that Dr. Lauren Knoth-Peterson will be joining the OFM team as a Senior Research Scientist starting August 16, 2023.

### SGC/SOPB Assignment Discussion (Resumed)

- The board resumed discussions about the following offenses:
  - Child Molestation 1 (CM 1)
    - Victims are under the age of 12; perpetrator must be 24-months older than the victim.
  - Child Molestation 2 (CM 2)

- Victims are ages 12 and 13; perpetrator must be 36-months older than the victim.
- Child Molestation 3 (CM 3)
  - Victims are ages 14 and 15 (less than 16-years-old); perpetrator must be 48-months older than the victim.
- Indecent Liberties with Forcible Compulsion
  - Forcible Compulsion: Using sufficient force to overcome resistance.
  - This offense is not eligible to be sealed (juvenile).
- Indecent Liberties without Forcible Compulsion

**Next Steps and Housekeeping**

- Next SOPB full board meeting scheduled for August 17, 2023, at 1:00 PM.
- Deadline: SOPB presents its recommendations to SGC on 10/13.
  - Materials due to Commission prior to presentation.
- Vice Chair Elections.
  - Position is through December 2023. Elections for Chair and Vice Chair for the next biennium to occur in 2024.

**MOTION # 23-9 MOTION TO NOMINATE RICHARD TORRANCE AS VICE CHAIR OF THE SOPB**

- **MOVED: Brad Meryhew**
- **SECONDED: Dr. Michael O’Connell**
- **ABSTAINED: N/A**
- **PASSED: Unanimously**

**For the Good of the Order**

- **Brad** 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](mailto:sopb@ofm.wa.gov).
- Public comments were received.

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:09 PM**

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD**

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Chair, Brad Meryhew

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