



STATE OF WASHINGTON
SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

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SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

September 7, 2023, 2023 1:00pm-4:00pm

Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Brad Meryhew
Richard Torrance
Jill Getty
Sonja Hardenbrook
Jimmy Hung
Christine Minney
Michael O'Connell
Jedd Pelander
Terrina Peterson
Mac Pevey
Donald Redfield
Jamie Weimer

Members Absent:

Hon. Nelson Lee
Blanche Barajas
Keith Devos

Staff:

Whitney Hunt, OFM
Lauren Knoth-Peterson, OFM

Members Represented by

Proxy:

Christian Brown for Shawn
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Guests:

IMPORTANT NOTE: The recording for this meeting is available upon request and/or may be viewed [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

- **Brad** reminded the board of the purpose of this project and the scope of the SOPBs role.
 - **Whitney** added that the deadline for the board’s final recommendations, to be provided in list format, is October 9, 2023.
 - The SGC is no longer asking for a presentation of recommendations.
- **Lauren** shared an overview of the presentation she gave during the previous SOPB meeting including:
 - Proposed Sentencing Grid.
 - New Columns:
 - Aggravated Departure Cap.
 - Repeat Offending.
 - New Sentencing Alternative.
 - Integrating Zones:
 - Zone 4: State Prison.
 - Zone 3: DOSA, FOSA, State Prison.
 - Zone 2: LOIS, DOSA, FOSA <=12 Jail; >12 Prison.
 - Zone 1: LOIS, RDOSA Jail.
- **Whitney** shared a list of crimes by grid level (current and proposed) for discussion.
- **Brad** opened the conversation on the following offenses (to include data review, input from lived experience, and/or recommendations – please see meeting [recording](#) for full conversation):
 - **Rape 1**
 - Class: A
 - Current Level:
 - XII (93-123); Low: 93, High: 319.
 - Proposed Level options:
 - XIII (70-117); Low: 70, High: 260.
 - XIV (101-135); Low: 101, High: 300.
 - XV (114-153).
 - **Rape 2**
 - Class: A
 - Current Level:
 - XI (78-102); Low: 78, High: 280.
 - Proposed Level options:
 - XII (60-101); Low: 60, High: 225.
 - XIII (70-117); Low: 70, High: 260.

- **Rape 3**
 - Class: C
 - Current Level:
 - V (6-12); Low: 6, High: 96.
 - Proposed Level options:
 - V (3-12); Low: 3, High: 60.
 - VI (12-20)
 - This would change to Class B.
- **Indecent Liberties w/ Forcible Compulsion**
 - Class: A
 - Current Level:
 - X (51-68); Low: 51, High: 198.
 - Proposed Level options:
 - X (41-69); Low: 41, High: 155.
 - XI (51-85); Low: 51, High: 190.
- **Indecent Liberties w/out Forcible Compulsion**
 - Class: B
 - Current Level:
 - VII (15-20); Low: 15, High: 116.
 - Proposed Level options:
 - VI (12-20); Low: 12, High: 75.
 - VII (14-24); Low: 14, High: 90.

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SGC/SOPB Joint Project Discussion (Resumed)

- The board resumed discussions on the following offenses (please see meeting recording for full conversation):
 - **Rape of a Child 1**
 - Class: A
 - Current Level:
 - XII (93-123); Low: 93, High: 318.
 - Proposed Level options:
 - XIII (70-117); Low: 70, High: 260.
 - XIV (101-135); Low: 101, High: 300.
 - **Rape of a Child 2**
 - Class: A
 - Current Level:
 - XI (78-102); Low: 78, High: 280.
 - Proposed Level options:
 - XII (60-101); Low: 60, High: 225.
 - XIII (70-117); Low: 70, High: 260.

- **Rape of a Child 3**
 - Class: C
 - Current Level:
 - V (6-12); Low 6, High: 102.
 - Proposed Level options:
 - V (3-12; Low: 3, High: 60
 - VI; Low: 12-20, High: 45-75
 - Would require offense to be moved to Class B.
- **Child Molestation 1**
 - Class: A
 - Current Level:
 - X (51-68); Low: 51, High: 198.
 - Proposed Level options:
 - X (41-69); Low: 41, High: 155.
 - XI (51-85); Low: 51, High: 190.
- **Child Molestation 2**
 - Class: B
 - Current Level:
 - VII (15-20); Low: 15, High: 116.
 - Proposed Level options:
 - VII (14-24) Low: 14, High: 90.
- **Child Molestation 3**
 - Class: C
 - Current Level:
 - V (6-12); Low: 6, High: 102.
 - Proposed Level options:
 - V (3-12); Low: 3, High: 60.
 - VI (12-20)
 - Would require offense to be moved to Class B.
- **Promoting Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor**
 - Class: A
 - Current Level:
 - XII (93-123); Low: 93, High: 318.
 - Proposed Level options:
 - XIII (70-114)
 - XIV (101-135)

- **Commercial Sexual Abuse of a Minor**
 - Class: B
 - Current Level:
 - VIII (21-27)
 - Proposed Level options:
 - VII (14-24); Low: 14, High: 90.
 - VIII (17-28)
- **Sexual Exploitation of a Minor**
 - Class: B
 - Current Level:
 - IX (31-41); Low: 31, High: 171.
 - Proposed Level options:
 - IX (19-33); Low: 19, High: 120.
 - X (41-69); Low: 41, High: 155.
 - Would require offense to be moved to Class A.

Next Steps & Housekeeping

- Deadline: SOPB submits its recommendations to SGC on 10/09.
 - SGC meeting on the topic is October 13, 2023.
- Next SOPB full board meeting: September 21, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.

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.
- Public comment was received and can be viewed [here](#).

Meeting Adjourned at 3:58 PM

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

_____/s/_____
Chair, Brad Meryhew

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Date