AGENDA
Thursday, November 19, 2009
11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Office of the Attorney General
800-5th Ave. 20th FL
Seattle, WA 98104

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Russ Hauge
Maureen Saylor
Bev Emery
Kecia Rongen
Chief Ed Holmes
Mary Ellen Stone
Andrea Piper
Brad Meryhew
Dr. Carey Sturgeon
Anmarie Aylward
Tom Sahlberg
Andrew E. Neiditz
Judge Laura G. Middaugh
Brooke Burbank

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:
Ida Ballasiotes
Lynda Ring Erickson

STAFF PRESENT:
Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers
Jean Soliz-Conklin
Jennifer Jones
Andi May

OTHERS PRESENT:
Joanna Arlow, Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs; Lisa Johnson, King County Prosecutors Office; Rashad Morris, Senate Democratic Caucus; Shani Bauer, Senate and Human Services Committee; Nathan Johnson, Senate Republican Caucus; Becky Miner, Washington State Patrol; Amy Pearson, Office of Crime Victim Advocacy; Terry Price, Washington House Democratic Caucus; Lonnie Johns-Brown
1. **Call to Order**  
Chairman Russell Hauge called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

2. **Introductions**  
Board members and staff introduced themselves.

3. **Approval of Minutes**  
The Board approved the October 5, 2009 and October 15, 2009 Minutes.

**MOTION# 55: MOTION TO PASS OCTOBER 5, 2009 FULL BOARD MINUTES**  
MOVED: Tom Sahlberg  
SECONDED: Maureen Saylor  
PASSED: Unanimously

**MOTION# 56: MOTION TO PASS OCTOBER 15, 2009 FULL BOARD MINUTES**  
MOVED: Andrew Neiditz  
SECONDED: Maureen Saylor  
PASSED: Unanimously

4. **Program Director’s Report**  
Jean Soliz-Conklin, Executive Director of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission provided an overview of the current revenue forecast and how this may impact the Board. At this point there is a 2 billion revenue gap. Governor Gregoire plans to present her budget in December. She may likely present a different budget proposal at the beginning of the New Year that will include revenue sources.

To that end, the Board and Committees will need to scale back on the number of in-person meetings they hold starting in 2010, at least until session ends and we have a better sense what the Board’s budget will look like in 2010.

The full Board will cancel their December 2009 meeting, but go ahead with their January 21, 2010 meeting at the Seattle Attorney General’s Office. The Benchmarks Committee plans to meet in person during December. Registration and Notification will most likely set up a teleconference prior to the next Board meeting.

Ms. Soliz-Conklin proposed that the Board consider prioritizing their 2SHB 2714 proposals as those that had unanimous support and those that were strongly supported, but not unanimous. Because the session in 2010 will be short and the primary focus will be balancing the budget, this will probably not be the best year to introduce sex offender legislation where consensus has not been reached.

The Board may want to consider using 2010 to engage more stakeholders and educate them about the Board’s proposals. This would also be a good time to further work on the issue of leveling and risk assessment.
When the 2010 session ends the Board should have a better idea what it would like to do for the remainder of the year.

**MOTION# 57: MOTION TO Change SOPB meeting Schedule in November and December 2009.** The Full Board’s December 17th meeting will be cancelled. The Registration and Notification Committee will be cancelled and later scheduled for a teleconference. The Benchmarks Committee will cancel their November 2009 meeting and reschedule it for an in person meeting in December 2009.

MOVED: Brad Meryhew
SECONDED: Bev Emery
PASSED: Unanimously

5. **Discussion of the 2009 SOPB Report(s) to the Washington State Legislature**

The Board reviewed a draft of the 2009 SOPB Report to the Legislature prepared by staff. The Board approved the approach and content of the report. Corrections and changes were proposed by different members. Staff will incorporate these changes. Board members were asked to submit any additional corrections or changes by Monday, November 23rd.

**MOTION# 58: MOTION TO PLACE A BOX AROUND ALL PROPOSALS THAT ARE UNANIMOUS. EACH PROPOSAL MUST INDICATE WHETHER THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY SUPPORTED IT OR WHETHER THERE WAS STRONG SUPPORT BY THE BOARD BUT NOT UNANIMOUS.**

MOVED: Tom Sahlberg
SECONDED: Mary Ellen Stone
PASSED: Unanimously

The final report will be sent to the House’s Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness (PSEP) Committee and other members of the Legislature. The Board is scheduled to testify on December 4, 2009 before the House’s PSEP Committee.

6. **SOPB Committee Reports**

The Committee chairs updated the Board on their work plans.

- **Benchmarks Committee Report:** This Committee will continue to map out the sex offender management system as a whole. They will also begin working on drafting objectives and benchmark measurements for the Board recommendations related to 2SHB 2714. This Committee plans to meet in person in December 2009. Notice will be sent out when a date, time and location has been selected.

- **Sex Offenders in the Community Committee Report:** This Committee did not have new information to report since last Board meeting.
• **Registration and Notification Committee Report:** This Committee did not have new information to report since last Board meeting. This Committee plans to hold a teleconference in either December 2009 or January 2010 to discuss its future work plan and any additional work they may need to complete during the 2010 legislative session in response to 2SHB 2714.

7. **Legislative Session**

This SOPB legislative committee updated the Board on their plan for both the December 4, 2009 hearing before the House Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committee and the 2010 Legislative Session.

**MOTION# 59: MOTION TO FORM A SIX BOARD MEMBER STANDING LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE THAT WILL INCLUDE ANDREA PIPER (COMMITTEE CHAIR), BRAD MERYHEW, BEV EMERY, ANMARIE AYLWARD, RUSS HAUGE, AND KECIA RONGEN.**

MOVED: Brad Meryhew
SECONDED: Bev Emery
PASSED: Unanimously

Tom Sahlberg and Maureen Saylor also expressed interest in serving on this Committee. Members can rotate out and allow other members to take their place on the Committee. Other members are welcomed and encouraged to provide feedback and input to this Committee prior to the December 4th hearing and during legislative session.

The Committee plans to meet by teleconference to prepare for the December 4th SOPB presentation of its report to the House PSEP. The Committee will then meet weekly by teleconference during legislative session to discuss any legislation relevant to the Board. This Committee will also respond to any requests made by the Legislature and/or Governor’s Office. If Board action is required, the Committee can setup a teleconference for the entire Board. Notice of the meeting will be done at least 24 hours in advance as required by the Open Public Meeting Act (OPMA).

8. **Registered Sex Offender Address Verification Program Presentation**

The Washington State Association for Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) Policy Director, Joanna Arlow, presented on the sex offender address verification program implemented by law enforcement.

WASPC currently administers this program whereby county sheriffs verify sex offenders’ addresses via in person visits. If enacted by the legislature all county sheriffs would be assigned the responsibility to verify sex offender addresses (this includes Level 1, 2, 3 RSO). This program would remove the 90-day reporting requirement for level II and III sex offenders as discussed in the *State v. Ramos* decision last year.

As part of her presentation, Ms. Arlow presented data on the number of offenders identified that had previously not complied with their registration requirements.
As part of its 2009 report to the Legislature, the Board is considering proposing this program in lieu of the 90-day check-in registration requirement for Level II and III adult sex offenders.

9. New Business

There was no new business raised during the meeting.

10. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

11. Adjournment

Chair Hauge adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE SEX OFFENDER POLICY BOARD

Chair Russell Hauge Date

Shoshana Kehoe-Ehlers Date