

**FINAL**

**GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DUII**  
**Friday, February 7th - Meeting Minutes**  
**Hybrid Teleconference Meeting**  
**Keizer, OR**

**Members Present:** Vice-Chair Cate Duke, Justin Nielsen, Sarah Gold, Joshua Wilson, Lynn Howard

**Members Present via Teams:** Chairperson Chuck Hayes, Deborah Ruiz, Lois Harvick

**Staff Present in person and via Teams:** Jenifer Sether, Ryan Stone, Margaret Inoue, Traci Pearl, Shelley Uselman

**Liaisons and guests in person and via Teams/telephone:** Logan Denney (OSP), Victor Hoffer (OTSC), Gary Engler (Salem PD), David Beatty (DPSST), Deanna Jago (ADES), Sarah Litkie (Trauma Nurses Talk Tough), Marie Dodds (AAA), Nicole McAda (CLEAR Alliance), Sid Moore (OAH), Jonathan Munson (DMV), Nathan Scott (PPB), Sergeant Mike Pelkey (OSP IID), Deena A Ryerson (TSRP), Chief Timothy Plummer (Madras PD), Gary Wilcox (OLCC), Deanna Kemper (ADES), Kevin A Nelson, Kimberly Rose (OJD)

**Public present via Teams:** Marcy Bliss (Jackson County Community Justice), Jennifer Moctezuma

**Call to Order and Introductions:**

Chair Chuck Hayes called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and held a moment of silence to remember those who have been killed or seriously injured in crashes involving an impaired driver.

**Chair Report:** Chair Hayes addressed [a recent Consumer Affairs publication](#), which reported which states had the highest rates of drunk driving using 2022 NHTSA data. Oregon was ranked as the 6<sup>th</sup> worst state in the country for drunk driving. Chair Hayes has authored a short informational article on the GAC DUII; he is offering it to liaisons and members, if they wish to include it in any group publications to promote the committee and its purpose.

**Member Reports:**

Cate Duke reported CLEAR Alliance is finalizing work on vaping education courses.

Sarah Gold noted Washington's legislative effort to lower BAC to 0.05 passed through the Senate. Sarah also reported on an article regarding Senators reintroducing a bill to [update crash test dummy profiles](#). Ms. Gold introduced Sarah Litkie of Trauma Nurses Talk Tough. OHSU/Legacy, in collaboration with Salem Health, is [starting research on a high-risk driver course](#) as part of a diversion program.

Deborah Ruiz attended a Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) roundtable in January that provided valuable statistics and information from partners in other counties. Ms. Ruiz spoke of positive movement on [House Bill 3174](#), which would increase the allowable fee for ADSS evaluations.

Lynn Howard has been working with Lincoln County Sheriff Senior Deputy Dustin Brinzel to develop a standardized DUII search warrant for use in the area. Ms. Howard will be doing a ride-along for Superbowl Sunday as part of a High Visibility Enforcement (HVE) saturation event. She noted ongoing efforts to work through complications of [Smith v Arizona](#).

Lois Harvick will testify in an upcoming Grant County perjury case where the defendant lied about having attended a Lane County Victim Impact Panel.

Sergeant Josh Wilson managed an ARIDE course at the West Linn PD several weeks ago. Sergeant Wilson spoke of [House Bill 2697](#), and how it could have a positive impact on traffic stops. Sergeant Wilson went on to report speaking to a couple of Washington County officers who had experienced a delay in reaching a judge for warrant permission; he posed the question of the efficacy of a statewide warrant system to help bypass this.

Justin Nielsen reported on a Statesman Journal [article](#) about City of Salem's budget shortfall, and some possible inaccuracies that may be therein. Mr. Nielsen has temporarily tabled efforts to develop an electronic DUI monitoring system.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Chair Hayes asked if there were any changes [to the January minutes](#). Justin Nielsen identified a change to his report in

writing. The approval of those minutes was pended to the March meeting.

#### **Communications Memo for the Governor:**

The Communications Memo from Chair Hayes [for the January meeting](#) was reviewed by the members.

#### **Public Comment:**

Deanna Jago, ADES, spoke of support for House Bill 3174. Sarah Litkie (Trauma Nurses Talk Tough/TNTT) spoke; her organization runs court-ordered classes. Sarah Gold encouraged Sarah Litkie to renew the TNTT liaison position in GAC DUII.

#### **Transportation Safety Office Report (Ryan Stone):**

Mr. Stone reported seeing a positive trend in preliminary fatal crash data, published for 2022/2023. TSO has hired for two staff members: Suzanne Mullen (Data and Evaluation Specialist) and Kat Smith (Safe Routes To School Program Coordinator). Grant Year 2024 closed out. Grant funding opportunity for fiscal year 2026 is now open until March 31.

#### **Agency Liaison Reports:**

##### AAA

Marie Dodds spoke of Foundation for Traffic Safety's (FTS) behavior-based study, the [Annual Traffic Safety Culture Index](#), and some troubling results: 65% of drivers admit to risky behavior while driving, such as speeding, distracted driving, aggressive driving, and impaired driving in the last 30 days. Almost all drivers (95%) believe that driving after drinking is very or extremely dangerous, yet 7% of respondents admit to engaging in this behavior in the past 30 days.

##### CLEAR Alliance

Nicole McAda reported CLEAR Alliance welcomed a new chairperson to the Coalition, Lieutenant April Huey (Redmond PD). The organization presented a counterfeit pill/fentanyl course to students in Redmond. Entry and exit surveys provided to the student body showed positive feedback on education levels on these subjects. State Farm is providing grant funding in impaired driving education, coursework, and awareness campaigns.

##### DPSST

David Beatty reported registration for the 2025 DUII Conference is open.

##### DMV

Jonathan Munson reported work within the 2025 legislative session.

##### MADD

Cate Duke reported being troubled by a May 2023 crash that had gone to trial and found the driver guilty on 7 counts of second degree manslaughter, but not guilty of impaired driving.

##### OLCC

Gary Wilcox reported successful collaboration on local enforcement compliance plans.

##### OJD

Kimberly Rose reported work with Chair Hayes on recommendations to fill the now-vacant judicial position on GAC DUII. She also submitted a written report, [which can be seen here](#).

##### OTSC

Chair Victor Hoffer gave kudos to local law enforcement partners, on behalf of the OTSC. He also spoke in support of the 0.05 per se initiative.

#### **Legislative Concepts:**

The administrative process of the 0.05 BAC legislative concept was discussed by Ryan Stone. [Senate Bill 848](#) was also discussed.

**Old Business:**

Chair Hayes reminded all committee members the regular, local meetings will now be held at DPSST, in lieu of the Keizer site. May travel to Burns and July travel to Pendleton is likely.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business before the committee, Chair Hayes officially adjourned the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

**Next Meeting: March 7<sup>th</sup>, 9 a.m., DPSST/Teams**