

FINAL

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DUII

Friday, April 11, 2025

Hybrid Teleconference Meeting

Salem, OR

Members Present: Chair Chuck Hayes, Sarah Gold, Deborah Ruiz, Justin Nielsen, Lois Harwick, Cate Duke

Members Present via Teams: Josh Wilson

Members Absent (excused): Lynn Howard

Staff Present in person and via Teams: Ryan Stone, Jenifer Sether, Margaret Inoue, Tiana Tozer, Traci Pearl, Shari Davis, Mindy McCarrt, Billie-Jo Nickens

Liaisons and guests in person and via Teams/telephone: Sergeant Ryan Clarke (OSP), Officer Gary Engler (Salem PD), Chair Victor Hoffer (OTSC), Amy Seely (TSRP), Robert Hayes (IACP), Michael Pelkey (OSP), Marie Dodds (AAA), David Beatty (DPSST), Jonathan Munson (DMV), Sid Moore (Office of Administrative Hearings), Chief Timothy Plummer (Madras PD)

Public present via Teams: Rob Sadowsky (Clackamas County), Deanna Kemper (Evaluation Services), Sarah Litkie (OHSU)

Call to Order and Introductions:

Chair Chuck Hayes called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. A moment of silence was held to remember those who have been killed or seriously injured in crashes involving an impaired driver, and for the late Judge Jerry Cooper, to honor his impact in roadway safety. The committee and those present in the room took turns introducing themselves.

Chair Report: Chair Hayes reported he attended the Multi-Disciplinary DUII Conference in Bend and gave kudos to Task Force Chair David Beatty. Chief Tim Plummer was featured in the IACP magazine. Chair Hayes spoke about the [VIP article distributed to members in mailout](#); Lois shared thoughts about the lens used in the article. She observed every Victim Impact Panel is unique, and the article may have been missing the “human touch.” Chair Hayes encouraged members to read and digest this article to make themselves familiar with the function of the VIPs. A [Washington Traffic Safety Commission article on Delta-9 THC](#) was discussed. Cate Duke discussed some of her organizational challenges with messaging related to cannabis use.

Member Reports

Lois Harwick: Ms. Harwick reported looking forward to hearing committee responses on the aforementioned VIP article and enjoying the in-person networking the event provided.

Sarah Gold: Ms. Gold also reported attending the DUII Conference, and she noted that a towing company was honored for both towing vehicles and taking their drivers home; a developing idea Sarah had shared in the 2023 Impaired Driving Assessment recommendations. Sarah also discussed that communication is key between care providers and law enforcement when it comes to conducting blood draws for enforcement purposes, rather than for treatment purposes. Sarah would like a law enforcement partner on her chaired committee, the [Oregon ENA Quality, Safety, and Injury Prevention Committee \(QSIP\)](#) to encourage this.

Josh Wilson: Sgt. Wilson reported receiving contact from a VIP that is entirely online-based. He spoke of a St. Patrick's Day saturation patrol that resulted in 277 traffic stops. 154 of those stops were for speed, 101 citations were issued, 285 warnings were given, and 9 arrests were made for DUII. Sergeant Wilson discussed monitoring some house and senate bills. Sgt Wilson will be presenting at the May IPTM Symposium and will be presenting on a forthcoming September webinar.

Justin Nielsen: Mr. Nielsen spoke of the importance of the healthcare component within the GAC, and reported on the fiscal and logistical challenges when referring OHP clients for higher levels of care.

Deborah Ruiz: Ms. Ruiz gave kudos to David Beatty for the DUII Conference, and the valuable breakout rooms and networking. Deborah reported [HB 3174](#) was voted to move on unanimously from the House. Ms. Ruiz asked for clarification on the process of support from the committee for formally supported legislative matters.

Vice Chair Cate Duke: Ms. Duke reported attending both the Youth Prevention Conference and the DUII Conference.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Chair Hayes asked if there were any changes to the [March 2025 meeting minutes](#). None were noted.

MOTION: Ms. Duke moved to approve the March 2025 GAC-DUII minutes. Mr. Nielsen seconded. Roll call vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Communications Memo for the Governor:

Chair Hayes reviewed the [March 2025 Communications Memo with the committee](#). Ms. Gold offered a clerical edit to the memo: “emergency room” should read “trauma system entries”.

Transportation Safety Office (TSO) Report:

Ryan Stone reported on preliminary Federal crash data; this is the 11th quarter nationwide with recorded drops in traffic fatalities. Oregon belongs to NHTSA Region Ten, which of the regions showed the most significant reduction in their fatal data. Within TSO, grant applications for the 2026 grant year closed; applications are currently being sorted and scored. Grantee notifications will be due early next month. TSO continues to work on hiring and restaffing for 5 positions in the office.

Agency Liaison Reports:

AAA Oregon

Marie Dodds covered some recent [statistics in a new AAA report](#).

CLEAR Alliance/MADD

Ms. Duke reported CLEAR Alliance is starting a Jefferson County-based VIP, which has not been represented since pre-2020, with the first class to be held April 25 in Madras. Vaping education course (VAPEC) is completed; there was a successful pilot session in a Redmond high school. Within MADD, Cate met the Bend-area court monitoring specialist at the DUII Conference.

DPSST/Multi-Disciplinary Task Force

Mr. Beatty reported DPSST has accomplished many internal grant goals in the current grant year. Regarding the Task Force, the DUII Conference was a success, with an excess of 420 people having attended. The Task Force is in the process of electing new officers, which will likely conclude May 2nd.

DMV

Mr. Munson reported on recent statistics: in 2024, there were 9,372 implied consent suspensions. This was a 3% increase from 2023. There were 1,778 final orders issued for hearings, and of those, 309 were disaffirmed (of those, about 43% were due to officer default), and 1,360 were reaffirmed.

IACP

Robert Hayes reported registration [for IDTS conference now open](#) (August 4-6, Chicago). 46 workshops are currently scheduled. The IACP 2024 Annual Report is anticipated to be released by June. Oregon has 160 reported DREs, and there were 454 evaluations done in Oregon in 2024. Within these recorded evaluations, 69 drivers were opined to be impaired by Central Nervous System Depressants, 154 by Central Nervous System Stimulants, 3 by hallucinogens, 2 by dissociative anesthetics, 128 by narcotic analgesics, 2 by inhalants, 174 by cannabis, and 157 were determined to be impaired by poly-drug combinations.

OSP/DRE

Sgt. Clarke reported on the upcoming 18-student DRE school, set to begin toward the end of April. A new software program is being piloted on all tablets in a tech-heavy course.

OTSC

Chair Hoffer reported that OTSC will miss the late Judge Jerry Cooper, and that newly recommended applicants to the committee have been forwarded to the Governors’ Office for appointment.

OSP IID

Sgt. Pelkey reported that as of April 1, there were 8,527 IIDs installed, which was the highest number installed in Oregon since OSP assumed oversight on July 1, 2019. 8,527 equates to 19.09% overall installation compliance, a slight increase since January.

TSRP

In a joint verbal report, Amy Seely and Deena Ryerson reported work on preparation for the ODAA Summer Conference, and they reported on the outcomes of the [Widerman](#) and [State v Tavares](#) cases. They also suggested the committee's monthly communications memorandum should be shared with AAG Chris Stringer at their office to help coordinate efforts.

Legislative Session:

In a .05 legislative concept update: it appears the Washington effort will not be successful during this legislative session, but the bill will be automatically reintroduced next session per Washington law. An equivalent Oregon bill was not drafted, due largely to lack of interest in the concept among legislators in this session. Chair Hayes noted he was interested in partnering with Washington lawmakers to jointly support the Oregon and Washington efforts next year.

[SB 848](#): representing his industry, Justin Nielsen provided comment.

[HB 3542](#): (related to motorcycle lane filtering) is being watched closely by several committees for possible impacts on motorcycle travel.

[HB 3174A](#): a letter to senate judiciary will be sent this month after a clerical edit is completed. Chair Hayes underlined the importance of personal involvement when monitoring bills of interest.

Old Business:

Officer Gary Engler (Salem PD) reported on the outcome of a local negligent homicide case [involving a Salem veterinarian](#). Oregon courts cannot override Veterinary Board licensure.

Justin Nielsen encouraged the committee to become familiar with the ASAM 4th Edition Update.

Upcoming GAC DUII Meetings

The August 8 meeting will be held in Pendleton. Ryan will be working with Billie-Jo Nickens, Region 5 RTSC, to arrange a venue and lodging.

Chair Hayes encouraged everyone to reach out to their constituents to invite them to attend these travel-based meetings in person.

Adjourn:

With no further business for the good of the order, Chair Hayes officially adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Next Meeting: May 2nd, 2025, 9:00 a.m, DPSST and via Teams