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GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DUII

Friday, May 2, 2025

Hybrid Teleconference Meeting

Salem, OR

Members Present: Chairperson Chuck Hayes, Joshua Wilson, Lois Harvick, Justin Nielsen, Lynn Howard

Members Present via Teams: Deborah Ruiz, Vice-Chair Cate Duke

Members Absent (excused): Sarah Gold

Staff Present in person and via Teams: Ryan Stone, Jenifer Sether, Margaret Inoue, Shari Davis, Shelley Uselman, Suzanne Mullen

Liaisons and guests in person and via Teams/telephone: Chief Timothy Plummer (Madras PD), Chair Victor Hoffer (OTSC), Lieutenant Logan Denney (OSP), Marie Dodds (AAA), Gary Wilcox (OLCC), David Beatty (DPSST), Jonathan Munson (DMV), Nicole McAda (CLEAR Alliance), Amy Seely (Oregon DOJ), Deena Ryerson (Oregon DOJ), Robert Hayes (IACP)

Public present in person or via Teams: Deanna Kemper (ADES), Mary Garcia, Peggy Glass, Agnes Gantz, Joey D Vanwinkel, Sarah Litkie (Legacy Health)

Call to Order and Introductions:

Chair Chuck Hayes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. A moment of silence was held to remember those who have been killed or seriously injured in crashes involving an impaired driver. Chair Hayes thanked members of the public joining the meeting online from the Harney County area.

Chair Report: In lieu of a full report, Chair Hayes deferred [conversation on a distributed article](#) to "new business."

Member Reports

Lois Harvick is looking forward to meeting the Lane County Sheriff's successor on the Lane County Victim Impact Panel once they are identified.

Lynn Howard noted in her report that [Montana passed a new law](#) with an enhanced sentence for high-BAC (above 0.16) vehicular homicide, and spoke of her interest in possibly using the model for a future legislative concept in Oregon.

Deborah Ruiz attended the B-SOBR graduation.

Justin Nielsen spoke of movement in HB 3174 and of the opposition it had encountered, and he addressed some misinformation around the measure that may be present.

Sergeant Josh Wilson taught at DRE school in Sunriver in April. He reported [on a Tennessee news story](#) that [resulted in a new bill](#) that may make arresting an offender significantly more difficult for law enforcement officers. A group conversation ensued about the subjectivity in physical observation and objectivity in blood draws, and what limits there may be to each.

Vice Chair Cate Duke spoke to the Prineville Kiwanis Club for CLEAR Alliance. On May 3rd she will be present at a DRE saturation-level patrol, based in Benton County.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Chair Hayes asked if there were any changes to the [April 11, 2025 meeting minutes](#). There were none noted.

MOTION: Justin Nielsen moved to approve the April 2025 GAC-DUII minutes. Sergeant Wilson seconded. Roll call vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.

Communications Memo for the Governor:

Chair Hayes reviewed the [April 2025 Communications Memo](#) to the Governor.

Public Comment:

No one signed up for public comment.

Transportation Safety Office (TSO) Report:

Ryan Stone shared the most current [CAR Unit fatality data](#) in comparison to one year ago; most categories demonstrate a

downward (positive) trend. 2026 open call grant requests have been reviewed and scored; applicants may receive word as soon as several weeks. Mr. Stone also attended the B-SOBR graduation. [Advertising around several newer, more innovative cannabis-delivery systems](#) are concerning. Lieutenant Denney requested future discussion of a legislative concept to regard vehicular consumption of cannabis in a moving car similarly to “open container” laws and also to re-examine minor-in-possession (MIP) laws. Regarding TSO personnel, ODOT is on a temporary hiring pause, but the organization remains committed to providing a high level of service to both their grantees and customers. There is an upcoming webinar-based committee training on public meetings law on May 14th at 1:30 PM, and members are strongly encouraged to attend.

Agency Liaison Reports:

ODAA

Lynn Howard spoke of the uphill battle regarding marijuana use, and a perceived lack of impairment post-consumption.

OSP DRE/HVEU/IID

Lieutenant Logan Denney: DRE field certification training begins soon in Medford. HVEU continues to focus on two fatal corridors, US 101 and US 97. There were 450 stops in April in these zones. OSP’s data records a reduction in fatalities, but it also records high BACs in the area. There will be about 24 Statewide operations planned through the end of 2025, including an Oregon State University Parents’ Weekend operation on May 3rd and 4th.

OTSC

Chair Victor Hoffer recognized the late Judge Jerry Cooper. Two new members have been formally appointed to the OTSC; the committee welcomes both Roger Kuhlman and Dani Schulte during the May 14th OTSC meeting. A possible travel meeting is being examined for the committee in October.

TSRP

Amy Seely reported a busy training month. In two weeks, the TSRPs are attending the [IPTM Crash Conference](#).

Legislative Session Update:

Several committee members will be on a May 15th phone call for an update on a proposed change to 0.05% BAC as a per se impairment threshold (from .08%).

HB 3174

This bill covers [increasing the fee for ADSS](#) and is supported by the GAC on DUII in a signed letter, delivered to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Old Business:

There will be an upcoming letter to NHTSA on their [14 areas of recommendation from the committee](#). Chair Hayes encouraged members to review the document that was put together and distributed in preparation for this.

Upcoming GAC DUII Meetings

The Burns-based meeting is in the process of being rescheduled, but as of May 2nd, no firm date has been identified. The August 8 meeting is tentatively planned to take place in Pendleton. Coos Bay may be a future site for a travel visit. Chair Hayes encouraged everyone to reach out to their constituents to invite them to attend any travel meetings in person.

New Business:

[Discussion around a recent fatal DUII crash ensued](#). Vice-Chair Cate Duke talked of reaching out to one of the family members affected by this event. Chair Hayes requested an update on this trial from Lynn Howard.

Adjourn:

With no further business for the good of the order, Chair Hayes officially adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 6, 2025, 9:00 a.m. at DPSST in Salem, and via Teams