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## **GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DUII**

**Friday, July 11, 2025**

**Hybrid Teleconference Meeting**

**Salem, OR**

**Members Present:** Vice-Chair Cate Duke, Lynn Howard, Lois Harvick, Sarah Gold, Sergeant Joshua Wilson, Deborah Ruiz, Chief Timothy Plummer (Madras PD)

**Members Absent (excused):** Chair Chuck Hayes, Justin Nielsen

**Staff Present in person and via Teams:** Ryan Stone, Traci Pearl, Jenifer Sether, Margaret Inoue, Mindy McCartt, Billie-Jo Nickens, Shelley Uselman, Shari Davis

**Liaisons and guests in person and via Teams/telephone:** Captain Evan Sether (OSP Patrol Services) Marie Dodds (AAA), Victor Hoffer (OTSC), Gary Wilcox (OLCC), Jonathan Munson, Sid Moore, Nathan Scott, Ryan Clarke, Deena Ryerson (TSRP)

**Public present in person or via Teams:** Veronica Kaliman, Sarah Litkie, Deanna Kemper, Peggy Glass, Shelley Campbell

### **Call to Order and Introductions:**

**Vice Chair Cate Duke** called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. A moment of silence was held to remember those who have been killed or seriously injured in crashes involving an impaired driver.

**Vice Chair Report:** **Vice-Chair Cate Duke** attended a Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) "War Room" meeting. MADD is actively lobbying Congress to finalize and enact rules for the [HALT Act](#), which mandates some level of impairment detection technology in new vehicles. These rules were due in November 2024 but remain unwritten. MADD will host a 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary event in Washington, DC September 8-10.

### **Member Reports**

**Sergeant Josh Wilson** [shared data from a September 2024 Ignition Interlock report](#). He noted Oregon's low compliance rate (about 19%-20%) and the potential positive impact of higher compliance.

**Chief Tim Plummer** gave kudos to MADD for their action items and highlighted the significance of progress in the auto industry toward impairment detection technology.

**Lynn Howard** reported the HVEU would be present at the Linn County Fair and expressed plans to participate in a ride-along. There is an ODAA conference August 6-9 in Bend, and will include DUII-related training.

**Lois Harvick** announced the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lane County DUII Victim Impact Panel on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Sarah Gold** introduced herself and revisited a previous request from the Chair to explore revising the statute to allow urine test results to be reported to law enforcement, similar to blood-alcohol results. After consulting with her healthcare community peers, she received mixed feedback and ultimately decided not to pursue the revision. Sarah confirmed this issue is now closed unless reintroduced as new business sometime in the future. Sarah has coordinated with Dr. Daniel Hoover and he has agreed to present on statewide addiction resources and addiction medicine practices to the committee later this year. Sarah invited members to submit questions or topics of interest to help shape the presentation. Sarah shared a survey link for the [2026 Transportation Safety Action Plan \(TSAP\)](#) and encouraged members to participate.

**Deborah Ruiz** reported ongoing work with **Judge Britton** (Beaverton Municipal Court) to address an extant legal-procedural gap between medical marijuana card issuance and 90 days of documented sobriety for treatment completion certification. Legislature did not pass [House Bill 3174](#), which proposed increasing the fee paid for Alcohol and Drug Screening Specialists (ADSS). There are plans to reintroduce the bill in either 2026 or 2027. Deborah expressed her gratitude to the committee for support and all who submitted testimony.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

**Vice Chair Duke** asked if there were any changes to the June meeting minutes. Several clerical errors were noted by members; "Orlando IPTM Conference" should be corrected to "IPTM Symposium on Traffic Safety"; "an in-person victim impact panel" should state "18 in-person Victim Impact Panels"; Lynn Howard's case resolution should be updated to include "and manslaughter convictions".

**MOTION: Sergeant Wilson moved to approve the June 2025 GAC-DUII minutes with these amendments. Chief Tim Plummer seconded. Roll call vote: Unanimous approval. Motion passed.**

**Communications Memo for the Governor:**

**Vice Chair Duke** reviewed the [June memo to the Governor](#).

**Public Comment:**

No one signed up for public comment.

**Transportation Safety Office (TSO) Report:**

**Traci Pearl** addressed the committee regarding ODOT's ongoing budget crisis. Two additional layoff notices will affect TSO; this includes Jenifer Sether, effective July 31<sup>st</sup>. Traci has formally contested the layoff decisions and expressed appreciation for the committee's understanding and support. The situation is rapidly evolving, with multiple daily updates and shifting strategies. There are anticipated impacts to road safety and crash response times, project funding and staffing capacity, and committee operations and travel. TSO had three open program staff recruitments, but these are now paused. **Ryan Stone** provided the most [up-to-date crash data](#) from ODOT's Crash Analysis and Reporting Unit (CAR). Most categories are down year-to-date, including pedestrian and motorcycle fatalities. Ryan encouraged continued vigilance from law enforcement during summer months. A new committee member was appointed: Michelle Bartov, a defense attorney from Oregon City, will join in September. The Federal impaired driving program assessment is still moving forward; committee members should anticipate further communication and coordination relating to this topic.

**Agency Liaison Reports:**

Clear Alliance

**Cate Duke** reported that two ODOT-funded cannabis-impaired driving education commercials are nearing completion. These are being shown at victim impact panels as part of a focus group study. Participants complete pre-and post-surveys measuring their perception of harm related to cannabis-impaired driving. Preliminary results show a 30% increase in perceived harm after viewing the commercial. The final data will be compiled and submitted in the next quarterly report, with a full update expected at the September meeting.

ODAA

**Lynn Howard** had nothing additional to report.

OSP DRE/HVEU/IID

**Captain Evan Sether** (on behalf of **Lieutenant Logan Denney**) reported the HVEU option package was not passed in [House Bill 5006](#); this option will be kept as part-time and budget-neutral. Summer marks a high-tempo period for HVEU; operations are ongoing in high-risk corridors (Highway 101, Highway 97, Highway 20 and areas near Burns, Ontario, Bend, and Prineville). Captain Sether expressed gratitude to ODOT for their continued support and partnership. **Chief Plummer** praised the broad impact of OSP's HVE efforts; public safety benefits are substantial on the local level. The IID program is currently being supervised by **Captain Sether**, and committee members were encouraged to reach out to him with questions or concerns. OSP is still trying to overcome persistent long-term sworn vacancies, but there is an incoming October class of 60 Troopers.

**Sergeant Ryan Clarke** reported a successful completion of DRE certification in Medford.

OTSC

**Chair Victor Hoffer** shared that the OTSC created and sent a memorandum to the OTC to urge the Governor to call a Special Session due to the failure of 2025's legislature to pass a budget for ODOT before sine die on June 29.

TSRP

**Deena Ryerson** shared that as of June 24, Oregon law was amended to allow law enforcement phlebotomy (effective January 1, 2026). This change is expected to improve evidence collection and reduce reliance on hospitals. Protocols are being developed for statewide implementation.

## DMV

Jonathan Munson shared an item of awareness around a statutory gap in enhanced implied consent suspensions: under current law, a driver is subject to enhanced suspension if they have had a prior effective implied consent suspension within 5 years. However, if a second offense occurs before the first suspension becomes effective, the enhancement does not apply. This may be an unintended loophole and could be a candidate for future legislative correction.

## Trauma Nurses Talk Tough (TNTT)

Shelley Campbell introduced herself and cited logistical youth outreach challenges for her represented agency. She emphasized the importance of early intervention and parental involvement, noting that their Minor in Possession (MIP) classes are often the first opportunity to educate both youth and parents. TNTT is active in all Oregon counties and is expanding into Southwest Washington. Shelley is also working with military branches and hospital systems to expand programming and reach a broader audience. Recent engagements have reached 6736 students through school presentations and 5700 family members through community events.

## **Old Business:**

There is no regional travel planned for the committee due to ODOT budget constraints.

## **New Business:**

No new business was introduced.

## **Adjourn:**

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

**Next Meeting: Friday, September 5, 2025, 9:00 a.m. at DPSST in Salem, and via Teams**

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