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GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DUII

Friday, December 5, 2025

Hybrid Teleconference Meeting

Salem, OR

Members Present: Chair Chuck Hayes, Vice-Chair Cate Duke, Lois Harvick, Sarah Gold, Sergeant Josh Wilson, Justin Nielsen, Deborah Ruiz, Michelle Bartov, Lynn Howard, Tim Plummer, Trevor Arnold

Members Absent (excused): N/A

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: Amanda Braxton (OHA), Mike Jackson (OSP Forensic Services), Sergeant Ryan Clarke (OSP DRE), Lieutenant Logan Denney (OSP HVEU), Gary Wilcox (OLCC), Marie Dodds (AAA), Sid Moore (OAH), David Beatty (DPSST), Peggy Glass (MADD), Sarah Litkie (Injury Prevention, TNTT), Deanna Kemper (Eval Services), Mel Farin (OHA), Michelle Frizell (OHA), Jennifer Poore (OHA)

Call to Order and Introductions:

Chair Chuck Hayes opened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. He welcomed attendees and acknowledged both in-person and virtual participants. A moment of silence was held to remember those who have been killed or seriously injured in crashes involving an impaired driver.

Chair Report:

Chair Hayes shared that there has been an [Oregon Government Ethics Law Update](#) (effective January 1, 2026; part of [House Bill 2930](#)). In a brief .05 BAC legislative update: demonstrating strong support from law enforcement and community partners, Washington is advancing their .05 BAC legislation; several other states are exploring similar bills. Several .05 BAC advocacy documents [were shared with the committee](#) to review. A guest speaker will join the committee for the January meeting to speak about Washington's progress on the topic. Oregon's upcoming legislative short session is unlikely to include any DUII bills; planning in preparation for the 2027 session should begin now.

Guest presentation: *ASAM 4th Ed. Changes*

Amanda Braxton, representing OHA, gave [a presentation to the committee](#).

Member Reports:

Sarah Gold presented trauma registry data she had processed.

Deborah Ruiz has a high caseload due to end-of-year diversion compliance.

Lois Harvick shared that her Victim Impact Panel was implementing post-panel surveys.

Tim Plummer is helping to develop position descriptions for board members. He will follow up with Ryan Stone and Chair Hayes to clarify what level of detail is needed.

Vice-Chair Cate Duke highlighted Crook County's approach to traffic safety goals and plans for Central Oregon; to examine using Victim Impact Panel funds to provide free taxi rides or alternative transportation during major events (e.g., horse races, county fair) to aid in preventing impaired driving.

Trevor Arnold will attend the OACP Executive Leadership Training; he expressed support for .05 BAC legislation.

Michelle Bartov discussed IID compliance challenges and suggested multilingual brochures be distributed to offenders entering into DUII Diversion agreements.

Lynn Howard shared there is an upcoming victim remembrance event in Albany.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Chair Hayes asked if there were any changes to the November meeting minutes. None were noted.

MOTION: Sarah Gold moved to approve the November 2025 GAC-DUII meeting minutes without any noted changes. Lynn Howard seconded. Roll call vote: APPROVED (unanimous).

Communications Memo for the Governor:

Chair Hayes reviewed the [November memo to the Governor](#).

Public Comment:

No one signed up for public comment.

Transportation Safety Office (TSO) Report:

Ryan Stone shared that fatalities are down 11% statewide compared to last year (53 fewer deaths). Motorcycle fatalities are down 25%; bike/pedalcyclist fatalities nearly doubled. Oregon remains a high-range state for impaired driving per NHTSA. Holiday impaired driving enforcement mobilization runs Dec 12–Jan 1. Over \$3 million in impaired driving grants were spent in fiscal year 2025, not counting sustained DUII enforcement projects at local law enforcement agencies or a large breath testing modernization project with OSP. Planning for fiscal year 2027 grants will begin in January 2026.

Agency Liaison Reports:

OSP HVEU

Lieutenant Logan Denney gave a detailed update: the unit conducted 32 operations statewide in 2025, with 6 occurring in the current quarter. Recent enforcement efforts included: Two major operations in Eugene during Oregon football games, a Halloween operation in Benton County, and a metro-area operation before Thanksgiving. Plans for upcoming operations include a US 97 corridor focus, a college football playoff game enforcement in Eugene, and New Year's Eve operations in both the metro and Mount Hood areas. Year-to-date: ~290 DUII arrests were made during HVEU operations.

Justin Nielsen shared observations on the committee's overall progress and effectiveness. He observed that while meetings have included valuable discussions and contributions, he felt the committee has not achieved tangible outcomes in recent years. He encouraged members to focus on a few actionable priorities, such as legislative concepts and program improvements, to ensure measurable impact. Justin emphasized the committee's advisory role to the Governor's Office and expressed his commitment to contributing more in the coming year to help maintain relevance and accountability.

Adjourn:

With no further business for the good of the order, Chair Hayes officially adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 9, 2026, 9:00 a.m. at DPSST in Salem, and via Teams.

