

# Oregon Public Defense Commission

**OPDC Rulemaking**

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# OPDC Rule Levels



## **Restatements of Statute**

Uniform and Model Rules of Procedure.

## **Commission Engagement**

Some agency acronyms and definitions.

## **Strong Commission & Robust Partner Engagement**

Thoughtful discussions to develop shared understanding.

# Proposed Rules Effective 10/1/2026



## **Uniform and Model Rules of Procedure**

Required Procedural Rule:

Statute Restatement; dictates all rulemaking steps.

## **Notice of Proposed Rulemaking**

Required Procedural Rule:

Communicates Agency rulemaking steps and processes.

## **Delegation of Authority**

Required Procedural Rule:

Allows Director to designate staff to coordinate rulemaking.

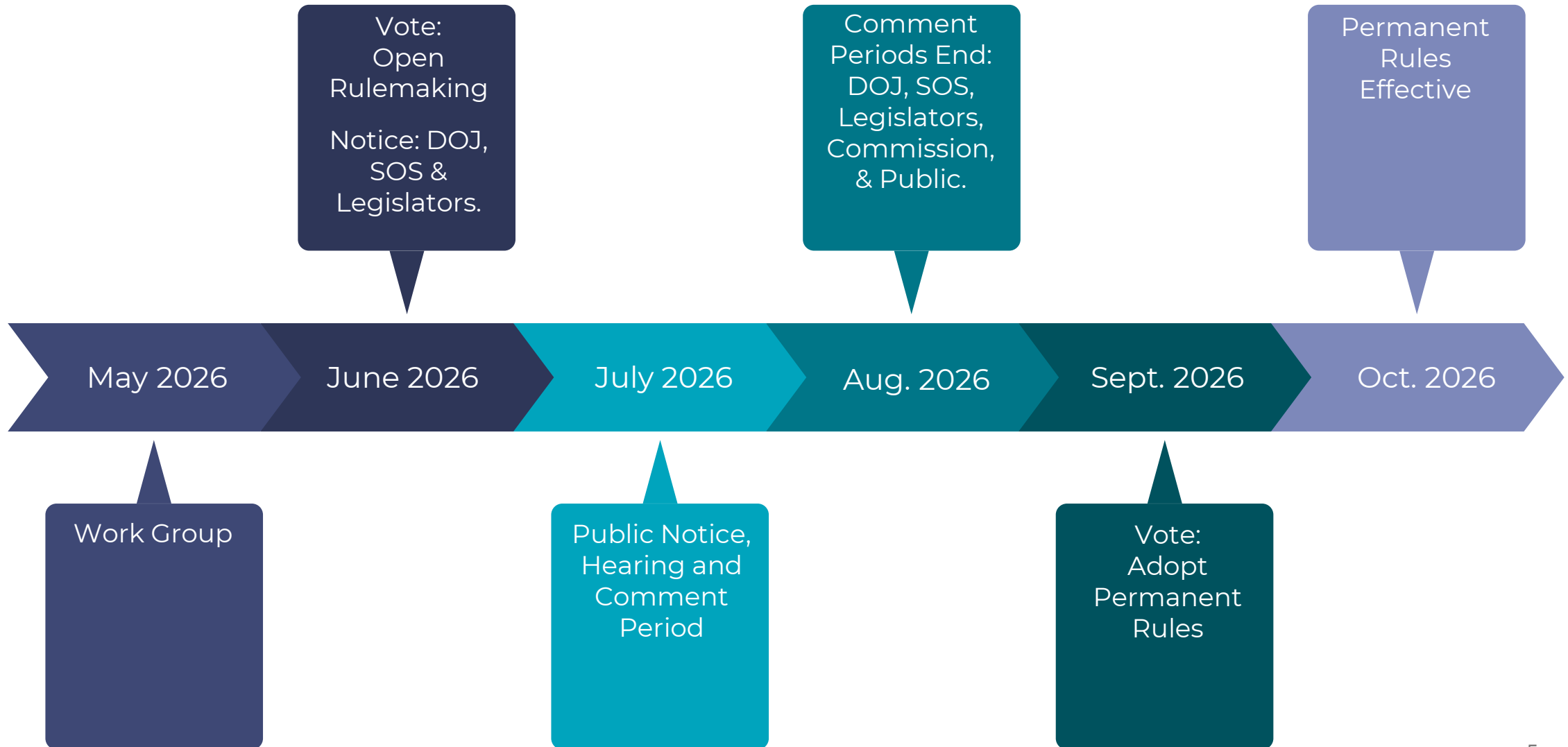
## **Next Step**

Agency recommends the Commission vote to open rulemaking on June 11.

# Additional Resources

[https://www.oregon.gov/opdc/general/  
Pages/Administrative-Rules.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/opdc/general/Pages/Administrative-Rules.aspx)

# Estimated Timeline\*



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# **Complaint Policy Update**

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# Complaint Policy and Process

## Includes all Types of Complaints

Public Defense Providers

Executive / Deputy Director

OPDC Attorneys

Human Resources

Agency Employees

Board

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Public Meetings



Public Records



Customer Service

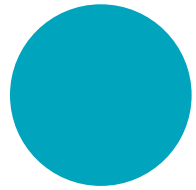
# How Will Complaints be Received?

Complaints must be made in writing

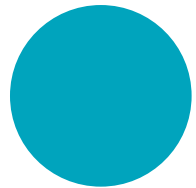
Submitted via OPDC's online portal

By Mail

# **What does the Board do if they receive a complaint?**

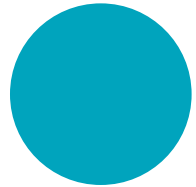


**Refer the complainant to submit using the online portal or by mail.**



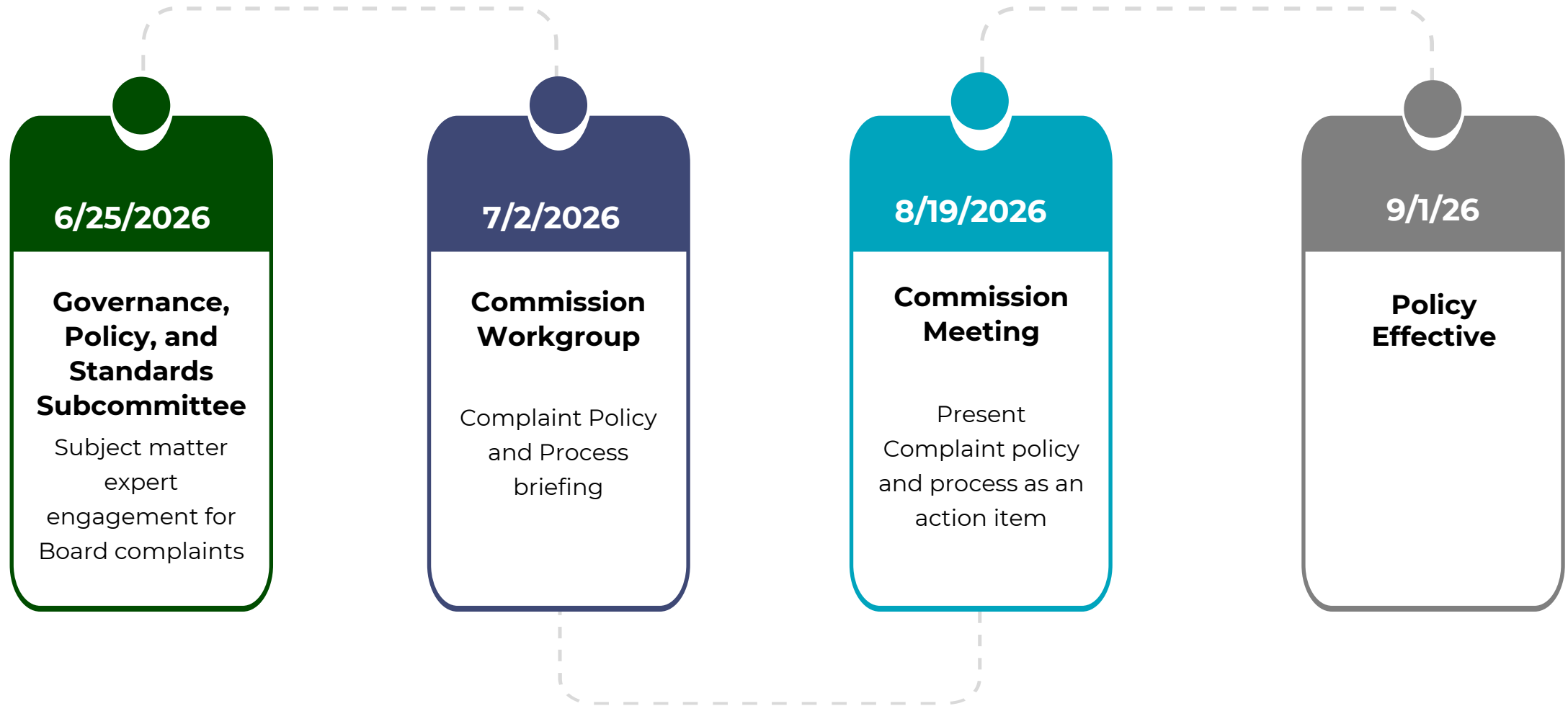
**If a written complaint has been received, then the Board member submits using the online portal.**

# **How can the Board assist in the development of the policy and process?**



**Assist as subject matter experts in policy and process development for complaints received by the Board and complaints made towards the board.**

# Policy Implementation Timeline





**THANK YOU**