

Approved PSRB Administrative Board Meeting Minutes
Psychiatric Security Review Board
February 25, 2026

An administrative meeting of the Psychiatric Review Board was convened on Wednesday February 25, 2026, at 9:07 am via Microsoft Teams and teleconference. The meeting was recorded and posted on the Board's agency [website](#). The following provides a brief summary of the meeting minutes.

Board Members, PSRB staff and members of the public via Teams and phone were:

Board Members: Wilson Kenney, Ph.D. (Chair, psychologist member), Khara Kerns, P.P.O. (probation member), Robert McKelvey, M.D. (psychiatrist member), Michele DesBrisay, J.D. (attorney member), and Julie Duke (public member).

PSRB Staff: Alison Bort, Executive Director, Katrina Elison, Deputy Director, Maria McCormack, Hearings Officer, Priya Trpathi, ISS4, Alysson Bocciolatt, OPA1, Anne Jenkins, OS2, Sharon Hall, AS2, and Laura O'Meara, ESS2.

Public Present: Elisabeth Waner, DOJ; Jennifer Braaten, DOJ, Stephanie Stocks, DOJ, Melissa Marrero, Lisa Kay, Maura Delaney, Jill Crittenden, Raven Mosley.

Chair Kenney called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum; all board members were present. No public comments were offered. The board unanimously approved the meeting minutes as written. Robert McKelvey, Julie Duke, Michele DesBrisay, Khara Kerns, and Chair Kenney all voted yes.

Chair Kenney turned the meeting over to Dr. Bort who initiated the annual vote for Board Chair. Michele DesBrisay nominated Chair Kenney and Robert McKelvey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously—Robert McKelvey, Julie Duke, Michele DesBrisay, Khara Kerns, and Chair Kenney all voted yes.

Dr. Bort turned the meeting over to Deputy Director Katrina Elison to review the Best Practices memo, an annual survey with fifteen reportable items used as key performance measures. She noted the agency met expectations in 2025. She highlighted item two regarding the option to conduct the Executive Director's performance feedback biannually instead of annually. She also asked whether the board had reviewed all fifteen items and if there were any questions.

Chair Kenney called for a vote to affirm the items. A motion was made and seconded by Robert McKelvey. The motion passed unanimously—Robert McKelvey, Julie Duke, Michele DesBrisay, Khara Kerns, and Chair Kenney all voted yes.

The board also voted on adopting the Governor's recommendation to evaluate the Executive Director biannually. Chair Kenney called for the vote and seconded by Julie Duke. The motion passed unanimously—Robert McKelvey, Julie Duke, Michele DesBrisay, Khara Kerns, and Chair Kenney all voted yes.

Dr. Bort then reviewed OAR 859.020.0015, outlining functions delegated to her and proposing two areas for expanding the Executive Director's authority. First, she highlighted decisions that must be made quickly during active community crises. These include swift supervision changes or lateral transfers between programs, both of which still include due process and a Board order. Second, she explained current limitations related to Board approval of community evaluations for certain crimes. She noted concerns about unclear due process, the lack of an appeal option for clients, and delays caused by requiring Board approval despite these evaluations not directly addressing risk through the risk review process.

Dr. Bort invited board discussion. Michele DesBrisay asked whether the source of a community-evaluation requests affects approval, if criteria exist and the annual volume of evaluations. Dr. Bort explained that the source does not matter; decisions are based on a thorough information-gathering and risk-assessment process. She noted between twelve to twenty requests per month, with the Board involved in roughly one or two per month.

Chair Kenney then moved to delegate authority to the Executive Director to approve all community evaluation requests and Robert McKelvey seconded. The motion passed unanimously—Robert McKelvey, Julie Duke, Michele DesBrisay, Khara Kerns, and Chair Kenney all voted yes.

Dr. Bort summarized recent collaboration between the PSRB and the DOJ's Post-Appellate Advocacy Program to improve victim experiences in GEI cases and hearings. Similar work is underway with district attorneys for Civil Commit clients. Together, PSRB and DOJ developed an MOU (memo of understanding) formalizing this partnership. One component is revising hearing-notice language to better inform victims. Another focuses on procedures for when a victim wants to reinstate contact with a PSRB-supervised individual. Most court orders include a no-contact provision, and although former Executive Director Juliet Britton had issued a best-practice memo to reinforce that language, it unintentionally limited victims' ability to reinitiate contact.

The new procedure, once finalized, will be entirely victim-driven, applicable only to GEI orders, and will not override other court orders. It includes a form for victims to state their wishes. Dr. Bort invited questions; none were raised. She thanked Alysson Bocciohatt (OPA1) and public members for their contributions.

Dr. Bort provided two additional updates: a new pass-policy template for SRTFs that standardizes policy format for Board review, and upcoming standards from the Oregon Public

Defense Commission for PSRB clients, which will be sent to the Board soon. She also noted progress on the Strategic Plan's succession-planning work to diversify defense representation, with new attorneys onboarding and already taking clients—an important step in training the next generation to handle this complex and unique specialty.

Dr. Bort introduced OPA1 Alysson Bocciolatt to present the 2026 Rulemaking Priorities, including background, statutory minor corrections, and timelines for each package. Alysson outlined the internal review process, legislative review, partner feedback, and strategic criteria used to set priorities. She explained that ORS 183.335(7) allows agencies to make minor corrections—such as fixing grammar, contact information, and numbering—without full rulemaking.

Alysson then reviewed the six-step rulemaking procedure (ORS 183.333, 183.335), noting each step takes about one to two months, with a full cycle of roughly six months. She presented three proposed rule packages for the year:

1. Civil Commitments and Public Records
2. Victim Issues and Hearing Procedures
3. End of Jurisdiction and Conditional Release Process

She also walked through the rulemaking timeline and highlighted the PSRB website's Rulemaking page for ongoing updates. After inviting questions, Dr. Bort added that the Board's role is to provide feedback on hearing issues and vote on final rules.

Chair Kenney returned the meeting to Dr. Bort for Board Training updates. She reviewed the training schedule and where materials can be accessed, and announced an OSH-Salem tour on April 6, 2026, with details forthcoming. She noted ongoing work to transition communication to TEAMS to streamline practices and asked Board members to provide hearing availability well in advance, while emphasizing scheduling flexibility. She added that Anne Nichol will be applying for the Senior Board Member position and once confirmed can provide backup and support.

Chair Kenney reopened public comment; none were offered. He thanked the Board, public participants, Dr. Bort, Deputy Director Katrina Elison, and administrative staff before adjourning the meeting at 10:08 a.m.