

An administrative meeting of the Psychiatric Review Board was convened on Wednesday August 26, 2026, at 9:04 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:

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

PSRB Staff: Alison Bort, Executive Director, Katrina Elison, Deputy Director, Maria McCormack, Hearings Officer, Shelley Banfe, Paralegal, Matthew Berndt, Paralegal, Dawn Anderson, Paralegal, Priya Tripathi, ISS4, Alysson Bocciolatt, OPA1, and Laura O'Meara, ESS2

Public Present: Aaron James, DOJ; Elisabeth Waner, DOJ; Harris Matarazzo, J.D., Jessica Stout, OHA; Jennifer Braaten, DOJ; Jason Trombley, DAS,; Evelyn Centeno, DDA; Alicia Meenaghan, LCBH.

Chair Kenney called the meeting to order at 8:01am with all five board members present and invited public comment.

Harris Matarazzo asked whether the board had received his letter objecting to the victim contact rule. His stated concerns are that the Executive Director has sole authority over investigations and determinations of victim contact without an appeal process.

The board then voted on approval for the meeting minutes from April 29th, 2026 and June 10th, 2026 and Khara Kerns, Michele DesBrisay, Robert McKelvey, Julie Duke, and Chair Kenney unanimously approved both sets of minutes.

Dr. Bort presented agency updates, including the 2027-29 Agency Requested Budget posted on the agency website under PSRB Plans and Performance. The agency is not requesting additional funding, instead reallocating some funding by utilizing cost-saving measures such as the transition to digital records and hybrid staff schedules. The requested changes include making Alysson Bocciolatt's position a permanent OPA2, reclassifying Shelley Banfe's position from Research Analyst to Paralegal and Maria McCormack (Hearings Request Lead) as Supervisor over the hearing support staff. Chair Kenney acknowledged the work and effort behind the budget development.

Dr. Bort shared a "snapshot" slide with statistics showing the scope of agency activity in conjunction with community providers, such as the amount of full and administrative hearings, conditional releasees, and provider trainings, as well as 2560 Pass requests, 297 SIRs, 22 Revocations, 200 Community evals ordered, 21 Court CR consults, and 403 clients on CR in 2025.

She also highlighted PSRB training efforts. The funding for in-person conferences was cut several years ago, but in 2024 the PSRB hosted an online training for community providers on expert witness testimony. Deputy Director Elison developed the “Strength in Practice” series attended by over 84 providers, with recordings available online.

Deputy Director Elison shared updates on the affirmative action plan, focusing on retention and agency recruitment. The DEI plan update included efforts to strengthen agency culture, foster an inclusive environment, and the annual staff retreat.

Dr. Bort reported that an interagency agreement with EIS is in place and they have an assigned staff member to help identify a new case management vendor. The project is significant and long-term, intended to replace the outdated Access system and improve efficiency for the board and providers.

Anne Nichol has been officially appointed by the Governor to fill the Senior/Legacy Board Member position. Her senate confirmation hearing is scheduled for September 3, 2026 and she will attend the board training retreat on October 7, 2026.

Chair Kenney announced his retirement from the board effective June 2027 due to workload. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Dr. Bort and the recruitment posting will be available on the website soon.

Dr. Bort reminded the board that staff will outreach for availability six months in advance in order to schedule civil commitment hearings and that all communication has officially transitioned from email to TEAMS.

Alysson Bocciolatt presented an overview of the current rulemaking process. The team has been working on two civil commitment rules with overlapping content. The proposal is to amend and consolidate OAR 859-200-0070 and repeal OAR 859-200-0148. A Rulemaking Hearing was held on August 24, and if approved, they will take effect on September 15, 2026.

Two additional proposed rules, OAR 859-200-0071 and OAR 859-200-0073, were not adopted in June and revisions were made after reviewing public comments. Alysson shared a summary of public comments regarding rules 0070 and 0148, and board members had no questions.

The board then voted on all four rules, and Khara Kerns, Michele DesBrisay, Robert McKelvey, Julie Duke, and Chair Kenney unanimously voted in favor.

Alysson Bocciolatt reviewed the Victim’s Issues Rulemaking Timeline. If adopted, the rules will become effective September 2, 2026. The proposed rules include:

- OAR 859-030-0016: Procedure for victims to reinstate contact
- OAR 859-070-0022: Expectations for addressing victim safety concerns during client placement
- OAR 859-070-0027: State requests for victim-safety-related modifications to conditional release

The rulemaking hearing generated significant public comment on Rule 859-030-0016, with concerns focused on the process, the roles of the Board and Executive Director, and the need for clear safeguards to ensure victim-contact decisions are well informed.

After reviewing additional comments received last week, staff evaluated whether the current draft adequately addresses the issues. Because this rule is intended to provide a clear process for victims requesting contact, they decided to return Rule 030-0016 to the RAC for further refinement. Rules 070-0022 and 070-0027 are ready for a board vote.

With no questions from board members, the board voted on Rules 070-0022 and 070-0027. Khara Kerns, Michele DesBrisay, Robert McKelvey, Julie Duke, and Wilson Kenney unanimously approved both rules.

Alysson Bocciolatt reviewed the remaining 2026 rulemaking work. Two rules are currently being drafted that address hearing procedures for REI, GEI, and Civil Commitment hearings. RACs will meet in September and October, with a hearing scheduled for November 20, 2026, and an anticipated effective date of February 1, 2027.

Additional rules related to Public Records Disclosure, limitations, and access will have RAC meetings in October, a hearing on December 22, and the same anticipated effective date of February 1, 2027.

Two more rules—concerning end-of-jurisdiction processes and conditional release processes—require attention but are postponed until 2027 due to scheduling constraints, partner availability, and a forthcoming rule reorganization project that will require significant staff time.

The reorganization project will involve renumbering rules or divisions, as well as amending and consolidating certain rules to reduce repetition, improve consistency, and simplify future updates. This reorganization is timely due to statutory changes from 2025 legislation, including HB 2804, which restructured the board into a single panel.

The tentative proposed restructure includes:

- Division 1–45: Agency Rules
- Division 50: Hearing Procedures
- Division 60: Hearings and Issues for GEI
- Division 70: Hearings and Issues for REI
- Division 80: Hearings and Issues for Civil Commitment
- Division 90: Conditional Release for GEI, REI, and CC
- Division 100: Firearm Prohibition Relief
- Division 200: SO Reclassification and Relief

The reorganization will run concurrently with the rulemaking process and is expected to conclude in early 2027. A formal proposal will be presented at the October 7 annual board training retreat. A public meeting notice for that date will be forthcoming. The next public meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2027, and

February 24, 2027 is set as the following tentative meeting date. With no public comments, Chair Kenney adjourned the meeting at 9:08 a.m.