

Date: 1/29/2024

Time: 5:15 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Attendees:

Board Members:	
Fred Thomas	Eric Drever
Susie Kröll	Phillip Harju
Monica Alexander	Tony Golik
Faapouaita Leapai	
James Schrimpsher	
OII Staff:	
Roger Rogoff	Hector Castro
Vicki Kamin	Annette Taylor
Antionette Manthey	Perry Gordon
Dana Boales	
Cathy Hakola	
Angie Smith	

Welcome and Update – Fred Thomas, co-chair.

Director’s Welcome – OII Director Roger Rogoff.

- Welcomed the group

Legislative Update – Annette Taylor, Legislative Director

Provided update on OII agency request legislation – HB 2086 & SB 6207

- OII’s agency request legislation for the 2024 Legislative Session is in HB 2086. Roger testified on Jan. 8 before the [House Community Safety, Justice & Reentry Committee](#) regarding HB 2086.
- OII worked with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) on amendments to a companion bill, SB 6207, which were adopted and passed out of committee on Jan. 18.
- To date, OII has been asked to complete four fiscal notes for OFM on bills that could have a financial impact on OII if those bills were to pass. So far, none have had a financial impact to OII.
- OII is currently tracking 32 bills and developed an OII fact sheet for Legislative staff regarding agency request legislation and the decision package.
- Joanna Carns has a new role as Legislative Rules Coordinator, reporting to Annette. She will create the OII rulemaking process and monitor legislative bills. Joanna will also continue to facilitate the development of internal administrative policies.

Communications/Community Relations – Hector Castro, Director of Communications & Community Relations

- Roger was interviewed by NPR the week of Jan. 22.

- Angela Rogness, OII's Family Liaison, was introduced to the WCPA in December and has been meeting with family members who have lost a loved one in an encounter with law enforcement. She is planning to meet with families in Spokane soon.
- The recruitment for the next Family Liaison is pending.

Equity – Jane Nesbitt for Dana Boales, Organizational and Development Advisor

- OII will seek AB input as it develops its Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Policy.

Administrative Services – Vicki Kamin, Director of Administrative Services

- Staffing and hiring as of February 1.
 - 32 staff on board.
- Facilities
 - Facilities Administrator Hired Feb 1.
 - Current Olympia Office
 - Acquiring another floor in the building to include evidence storage space, room for staff with a completion goal of June 2024.
 - Future HQ/Central Evidence
 - OII staff conducted workflow walkthroughs for space design
 - Next steps:
 - architectural overlay of systems (electrical, HVAC, lighting, security).
 - Acceptance of designs.
 - Lease signed and permitting.
 - Completion Goal July 2025.
 - Regional Offices
 - Currently considering state-owned facilities in King, Pierce, and Yakima counties.
- Governor's Proposed Budget
 - \$10.5 million for fiscal year 2025 provided solely for leasing costs and tenant improvements for a central evidence facility, a temporary storage facility, and three regional offices. Any unspent funds not needed for these referenced activities may be expended on additional staffing resources.
 - Senate and House will propose their separate budgets in February or March. Then Legislature and Governor will adopt a final version of the budget to be enacted July 1, 2024.

Investigations – Tracy Lapps, Director of Investigations

- New investigator started December 18
 - Patrick Moen joined OII on December 18 – is a licensed attorney, former patrol officer in NYC, and former DEA agent. He will be in Region 3.
- 2 investigators scheduled to graduate from Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) on February 13.
- 1 investigator attending Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) Regional facility.
- Investigator specific training post-BLEA.
 - Development continues on this training program. In March, an outside vendor will provide a 4-day training on use of force. In April, two weeks of forensics training will be offered through the WSP. Other training is pending including interviewing, writing search warrants, and autopsies.

Legal & Policy – Jessica Berliner, Senior Policy & Legal Advisor

- Brief update on prior reviews
 - OII has received 12 requests, 4 didn't meet OII criteria for review, 6 met the criteria and 2 involve legal issues that must be addressed to determine how OII will proceed.

- 3 cases are currently shared on the OII website.

Advisory Board – Eric Drever, OII Advisory Board Co-Chair

- Eric urged board members to try to make each meeting to ensure there is a quorum.

OII Advisory Board final items – Cathy Hakola, Fleet and Advisory Board Coordinator

- October OII Advisory Board meeting minutes will be approved in the February meeting since there was not a quorum.
- Updated the AB on the vacant defense attorney board position. There are 3 candidates that Roger and Jane will be meeting with in the next few weeks.