

# ADVISORY BOARD MEETING



**Date:** August 26, 2025

**Time:** 5:15 PM – 7:15 PM

## Attendees:

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| <b>Advisory Board Members Present:</b>                 |   |
| Eric Drever, Co-Chair                                  | Fred Thomas, Co-Chair   |
| Monica Alexander                                       | Philip Harju  |
| James Schrimpsheer                                     | Faapouaita Leapai   |
| Norma Gallegos   | Susie Kroll   |
| Monisha Harrell  |   |
| <b>Advisory Board Members Absent:</b>                  |   |
| Tony Golik   |   |
| <b>OII Staff Present:</b>                              |   |
| Roger Rogoff, Director                                 | Jane Nesbitt, Chief of Staff                                      |
| Annette Taylor, Legislative Director                   | Hector Castro, Director of Communications and Community Relations |
| Tracy Lapps, Director of Investigations                | Jessica Berliner, Senior Legal and Policy Advisor                 |
| Angie Smith, Director of Tribal Relations              | Vicki Kamin, Director of Administrative Services                  |
| Dana Boales, Senior Organizational Development Advisor | Joanna Carns, Legislative, Rules, and Advisory Board Coordinator  |

## Minutes

### Welcome

- Meeting called to order at 5:22 pm once quorum was met. Eric Drever welcomed participants.

### Lewis County Decline Letter

- Roger Rogoff shared that the Lewis County Prosecutor sent a letter to OII with feedback at the same time that he responded with his decision to decline prosecution of the officer involved in OII Case 2025-0001. The letter was also published in the local newspaper. Roger shared OII's response to the feedback, including that he and other OII leadership met with the prosecutor on Monday to encourage in-person dialogue. OII values open and direct lines of communication and is confident in its current practices.

### Final Case Report Discussion (OII Case 2024-0005)

- Roger Rogoff provided an overview of the landscape of officer-involved shooting investigations and reports prior to OII's existence and efforts that OII has taken to improve on that foundation.

- Fred Thomas led a discussion about the report, asking for individual Advisory Board member feedback on the report. Feedback was positive, with almost every member stating that the report was comprehensive and well-written. One Advisory Board member called out the tasteful use of pictures; another cited its neutrality.
- Phil Harju raised a couple specific questions regarding details from the investigation that Roger answered.

## **OII Investigations Update**

- Tracy Lapps provided an update on both the Poulsbo (OII-2025-0002) and Ridgefield (OII-2025-0008) cases. She also notified the Advisory Board that both investigations will take longer than 120 days, pursuant to RCW 43.102.080(8). For the Poulsbo case, investigators are waiting on medical examiner and other reports, and have started to write the final case report. For the Ridgefield case, the primary investigator has some additional follow-up investigation inquiries to make based on the reports that have been received.
- Fred Thomas asked how long the prior investigation took? Jane Nesbitt reported that for the Centralia case (OII-2025-0001), the investigation took 188 days.
- Phil Harju asked for any update on the communication relayed regarding the Poulsbo City Council's release of body worn camera. Hector Castro reiterated that OII had made the offer to meet with the Poulsbo City Council and that the offer was declined. Monisha Harrell encouraged OII to always extend similar offers to city councils impacted by a deadly use of force and to also engage with the state legislators representing the region.
- Tracy provided an update on the most recent incident under investigation, which occurred on July 30 in Vancouver (OII-2025-0009), including two irregularities: OII was notified about the incident by Vancouver PD rather than the Clark County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) and CCSO processed its own officer before OII's arrival. These issues have been addressed with CCSO moving forward.

## **Advisory Board Business**

- Monisha Harrell moved and Phil Harju seconded approval of the prior meeting minutes (June 2025). All voted to approve, with no opposition.
- Joanna Carns and Eric Drever invited Advisory Board members to participate in a subgroup to develop the board's DEI bylaw. Monica Alexander and Monisha Harrell volunteered.

- Advisory Board members reviewed bylaw 6.1 Respectful Workplace Environment.
- Joanna Carns provided an update on the current defense attorney representative vacancy. OII staff continue to communicate with the Governor's Office of Boards and Commissions; Boards and Commissions staff have stated that they will provide an update on filling the vacancy in early September.
- Phil Harju provided an update on the work that a subgroup (Phil, Norma, and Po) has undertaken to develop the Advisory Board's priorities. In particular, he solicited input on priorities related to engagement and outreach. The full list of priorities will be provided for the Advisory Board's input at the September meeting.
- Joanna Carns solicited input on the draft agenda for the October work session, which she developed in consultation with Monisha Harrell. Current topics include exploring the contextual framework and future of OII and Advisory Board work to develop a self-assessment based on the established priorities.
- Hector Castro solicited input on how to better use the Advisory Board GovDelivery listserv.

### **Agency-Request Legislation**

- Annette Taylor provided an overview of concepts that will be included in OII's agency-request legislation for the 2026 legislative session. These concepts include:
  - Clarifying the definition of involved agency and involved officer.
  - Removing outdated and duplicative language.
  - Clarifying the scope of OII authority to include fatalities resulting from a use of force.
  - Clarifying access to fire and EMS records.
  - Clarifying notification requirements.
  - Clarifying the role of the IITs to allow for involvement in the initial incident response, at the request of the OII Director, while still maintaining limitations.
  - Public records exemptions for (1) highly personal, non-investigative information, particularly from impacted family members and (2) prior case review records until any resulting investigation has been submitted to the prosecutor.

## **Five Year Training Proposal (RCW 43.102.050)**

- Jessica Berliner provided an update on the agency's work in creating the five-year training proposal required by RCW 43.102.050. OII staff are continuing outreach to interested parties, including Advisory Board members James and Monisha this week. Jessica hopes to have a draft report to share soon.

## **Open Discussion**

- Phil Harju raised that the National Congress of American Indians is having one of their annual conventions in Seattle from November 16-21 and that it would be invaluable for OII staff to attend. Jane shared that Angie Smith had brought this up and that not only are staff attending, OII is planning to host a booth at the convention.
- James Schrimpscher gave a shout-out to Jessica for her patience in reaching out regarding the five-year training proposal report.
- Po Leapai shared that he will be performing at Luau in the Valley 2025 in Puyallup on August 30 and 31.
- Norma Gallegos invited everyone to the 9/11 Spirit of America Memorial in Cashmere. OII staff will be attending.

## **Closing**

- Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.

**OII Mission:** To conduct fair, thorough, transparent, and competent investigations.

**OII Vision:** All investigations of police use of force will be free from bias and trusted by everyone.