

**BYLAWS
OF THE LANE COUNTY
PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL**

ARTICLE I NAME

This advisory council shall be known as the Public Safety Coordinating Council hereinafter referred to as the PSCC.

ARTICLE II RESPONSIBILITIES

PSCC is mandated under ORS 423.560 and ORS 423.565 to:

1. Develop and recommend to the Lane County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as Board of Commissioners, a comprehensive plan for the use of:
 - a) state resources to serve the local offender population;
 - b) state and local resources to serve the needs of that part of the local offender population who are at least 15 years of age and less than 18 years of age, which plan must provide for coordination of community-wide services involving prevention, treatment, education, employment resources, and intervention strategies; and
 - c) state and local resources to serve the local youth offender population.
2. Coordinate local criminal justice policy among affected criminal justice entities.
3. Coordinate local juvenile justice policy among juvenile justice entities.
4. In consultation with the Commission on Children and Families, develop and recommend to the Board of Commissioners a comprehensive plan designed to prevent criminal involvement by youth, which provides for coordination of community-wide services involving treatment, education, employment, and intervention strategies aimed at crime prevention.

PSCC is authorized under the 2004 Intergovernmental Agreement for Criminal Justice Services to:

5. Ensure intergovernmental coordination, and ongoing systems analysis of our public safety system.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The **PSCC** shall consist of the following twenty members:

Members:	Appointed By: (Based on ORS Statute)
• Police Chief	Police Chiefs in county
• Sheriff of the County	Sheriffs in the county
• District Attorney	District Attorneys of the county
• State Court Judge	Presiding Judge of county judicial district
• Public Defender or Defense Attorney	Presiding Judge of county judicial district
• Director of Community Corrections	BCC
• Juvenile Department Director	BCC
• City Councilor or Mayor from Springfield	City of Springfield
• City Councilor or Mayor from Eugene	City of Eugene
• City Manager or other city representative	Cities in the county
• Lane County Commissioner –Rural	BCC
• Lane County Commissioner – Metro	BCC
• Health or Mental Health Director	BCC
• Public Health Manager	Legislative Mandate
• Up to three Lay Citizens –	BCC
• Representative of Oregon State Police (<i>non-voting</i>)	Sup. of State Police
• Representative of Oregon Youth Authority (<i>non-voting</i>)	Director of OYA
• Lane County Administrator (<i>non-voting</i>)	BCC

Appointees who are not statutorily assigned to the PSCC shall serve four-year terms unless the appointment is to fill the unexpired term of another committee member.

ARTICLE IV VACANCIES

In case of a vacancy in the PSCC lay citizen position; the nominating committee shall seek applications by way of the Board of County Commissioner’s advisory committee vacancy process. A nominating committee appointed by the chair of the PSCC shall then review applications. The committee’s recommendation shall be presented to the PSCC for a recommendation to the BCC. The County Administrator will then present the recommendation to the BCC. With regard to PSCC positions, which represent government entity or entities, the County Administrator shall request a nominee from the entities and upon receipt of the name will forward it to the BCC for action.

PSCC members have the responsibility of contacting the PSCC Chair or staff if they are unable to attend a meeting. The third consecutive absence, or absence without assignment of proxy, shall be considered a voluntary resignation for any member who is not statutorily assigned to the PSCC. A member can request an exception from the PSCC Chair if there are mitigating circumstances that prevented them from attending.

The PSCC Chair, within 30 days of appointment, shall designate a Nominating Committee

consisting of three members of the PSCC Committee The Nominating Committee will review applications and make recommendations of reappointment of officers or filling vacancies to the PSCC. The PSCC recommendations will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

The **officers of the PSCC** shall be elected by a majority of a quorum of the PSCC to serve for two years or until their successors are elected with the beginning of each calendar year. They shall consist of a Chair and a Vice Chair. The Vice Chair becomes the Chair when the Chair's term is expired or the Chair resigns. The Chair shall preside at all meetings of the PSCC, maintain contact with designated member agencies as appropriate, work with staff in responding to correspondence, and present PSCC reports and recommendations to the Board of Commissioners. The Vice Chair shall work with committees and assume all responsibilities of the Chair in her/his absence.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS, VOTING, AND COMMITTEES

The PSCC shall meet at a frequency designated by the Chair, but not less than quarterly.

The Chair or the majority of the PSCC, by written request to the Chair, may call a meeting of the PSCC.

Each voting member of the PSCC shall have one vote. ORS 423.560 stipulates the State Police and Oregon Youth Authority representatives may not vote on matters arising from PSCC duties mandated by ORS 423.560. All members may vote on matters arising from PSCC duties mandated by intergovernmental agreements not linked to ORS 423.560. Decisions shall be made at meetings where there is a quorum. A quorum shall consist of nine voting members of the PSCC. Per ORS 423.560, non-voting members of the PSCC may not be counted in determining whether a quorum exists. The current membership consists of twenty, with three members non-voting. All PSCC decisions shall be made by simple majority vote of voting members at a meeting where a quorum is present. A written proxy may be given to the Chair to be read at the time of voting. Another person, other than a current PSCC member, may be sent with authorization to act in his or her absence.

The PSCC may have both standing and ad hoc committees. Adhoc committees can be organized and appointed by the Chair. In order to conduct business, a committee must have a simple majority of the appointed members in attendance. Once a quorum of the committee is present, a majority of those members in attendance, who are not excused from participating due to a conflict of interest, may act to cause a recommendation of the committee to be forwarded to the PSCC. In addition to regular voting committee members, any PSCC member, who is not a member of the committee, is encouraged to attend any committee meeting without voting privileges.

There shall be two standing committees of PSCC: The Community Safety Committee, and the Juvenile Committee. Membership shall consist of appointed PSCC members and other people with expertise or interest in the topic area.

The charge of the **PSCC** is to provide recommendations on all new issues coming before the PSCC and to adopt a final policy or position including the Regional Community Safety and Justice Plan and to oversee any work generated through the Intergovernmental Agreement. The PSCC may initiate a proposal for consideration by member agencies.

The **Community Safety Committee**, and the **Juvenile Committee**, shall provide to the PSCC recommendations regarding policies, practices, and programs that might enhance efficiency and effectiveness in the community safety and justice system. The PSCC Chair will appoint committee Chairs.

The **Community Safety Committee** shall consist of PSCC members and other people who represent or are interested in the adult corrections system.

The **Juvenile Committee** shall consist of PSCC members and other people who represent or are interested in prevention and juvenile justice.

There shall be ad hoc committees and task teams organized and appointed by the PSCC Chair. The PSCC shall appoint all members of the standing, ad hoc, and task teams.

All meetings of the PSCC and its committees are public meetings and shall be open to the public and held in conformance with the Oregon Open Meetings Law, and shall be conducted in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, as far as is reasonable and practical. PSCC members will be notified in advance with regard to meetings of the PSCC and its committees.

ARTICLE VII CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Members shall be required to vote on all matters which require a decision except, in accordance with ORS Chapter 244, no PSCC member shall participate in a decision in which that member has a private pecuniary interest. When such apparent or potential conflict of interest arises, the affected member shall disclose such conflict of interest and disqualify herself/himself from voting on the matter. Such members shall not be considered as being present for the purpose of determining whether a majority vote has been cast. Declared conflicts shall be formally represented in the minutes of the meeting where such declaration is made. Furthermore, the affected members shall notify the Board of Commissioners as required under ORS 244.120.

ARTICLE VIII BYLAW ENACTMENT AND AMENDMENT

The initial Bylaws of the PSCC shall become effective upon:

1. approval by a simple majority of the PSCC where a quorum is present and
2. approval by the Board of Commissioners.

Once adopted, the Bylaws may be amended upon:

1. a vote of a majority of PSCC members:
 - a) where a quorum is present,
 - b) at a PSCC meeting whose notice includes reference to the fact that Bylaw amendments are to be voted on at that meeting,
 - c) where notice is accompanied by a copy or summary of the proposed amendments, and
2. approval by the Board of Commissioners.

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