



Washington State Joint Legislative Task Force on Jail Standards

MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2022 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

1.	<p>Welcome & Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff welcomed task force members to the initial meeting of the Joint Legislative Task Force on Jail Standards.• Staff reviewed the meeting agenda.• Task force members introduced themselves. Guests were welcomed to introduce themselves in the chat.• Establishment of Quorum. See roster below.
2.	<p>Task Force Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff provided an overview of the proposed group charter, and requested any amendments prior to voting to approve. Task Force members made the following revisions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <u>Scope</u>: modified to appear exactly as it does in RCW 70.48.801 subsections 6 and 7, the Task Force’s authorizing legislation.○ <u>Membership</u>: changed organizational affiliations of select members.○ <u>Meetings</u>: added that voting can only occur when a quorum of members is present.• Task Force members voted and approved the revised charter.• Members discussed periodic hybrid meetings, with locations offered on both the east and west side of the state. Members proposed that the optional jail tours be planned in conjunction with a hybrid meeting.• Staff provided an overview of the proposed project plan for the group’s subsequent meetings through June 2023. Members suggested revising the project plan to include all topics mentioned in RCW 70.48.801 subsections 6 and 7. To accommodate additional topics, a specific suggestion was to combine mental health services and standards and suicide prevention and intervention into one meeting. Members suggested considering whether additional topics fit as meeting sub-topics.• Members agreed this plan could be a living document, and edited as needed. Staff will provide a revised document in advance of the next meeting.

Draft pending approval of Task Force.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff solicited volunteers or nominations for a legislative member to serve as Chair as required by the Task Force’s authorizing legislation. This item was tabled until the next meeting.
3.	<p>Overview of Washington Jails Corrections 101 and a profile of Washington jails, Dr. Marc Stern.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task Force member, Dr. Marc Stern provided the group with a presentation on the distinctions between jails and prisons, heterogeneity in jails, and demographics of incarcerated individuals in Washington’s correctional systems. <p>Washington population trends, common challenges and issues in jail operations and conditions, and current reform efforts, Jamie Tugenberg.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation held for a subsequent meeting.
4.	<p>Overview of Jail Standards and Oversight</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation held for a subsequent meeting.
5.	<p>Next Steps and Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting is Thursday, September 15 from 2:30 – 5:00p.m. Topics will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to jail standards and oversight Voting on Chair Open Public Meeting and Public Records Training Staff thanked everyone for their time and engagement.

Member List

Name	Task Force Affiliation	Organization	Present
Rep. Jesse Young	House of Representatives	Washington State Legislature	Yes
Rep. Kirsten Harris-Talley	House of Representatives	Washington State Legislature	Yes
Sen. Perry Dozier	Senate	Washington State Legislature	Yes
Sen. Rebecca Saldaña	Senate	Washington State Legislature	Yes
Chanel Rhymes	Entities involved with or interested in the operation of local jails	Northwest Community Bail Fund	Yes
Christopher Swaby	Defense attorneys	The Swaby Law Firm	Yes
Devon Schrum	Jail administrators	Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs	Yes

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Eliana Macias	Cities	Yakima City Councilmember	Yes
Ethan Frenchman	State designated protection and advocacy agency	Disability Rights Washington	Yes
Hailey Ockinga	Persons with lived experience	Beyond These Walls	Yes
Judge Jeffrey Smith	District and municipal courts	Spokane County District Court	Yes
Jordan Landry	Persons with lived experience	Community Representative	Yes
Kris Peters	Law enforcement	Squaxin Island Tribe	Yes
Laurel Jones	Statewide civil legal aid organization	Columbia Legal Services	Yes
Lisa Janicki	Counties	Skagit County Commissioner	No
Dr. Marc Stern	Medical and mental health providers	University of Washington, School of Public Health	Yes
Norma Tillotson	Prosecutors	Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys	Yes
Judge Sharonda Amamilo	Superior courts	Thurston County Superior Court	Yes

Task Force Staff

Name	Affiliation
Jamie Tugenberg	Office of the Attorney General, Policy Unit
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