

Board Legislative Review & Voting Procedure

Sex Offender Management Board

02/23/2026

Purpose:

To ensure fair, structured, and efficient discussion of proposed legislation within the allotted time.

Board Quorum:

17 board members

Total Time Per Bill:

30 minutes maximum (unless tabled)

Discussion & Voting Process

Round One – Initial Deliberation (15 Minutes)

- The Chair will introduce the bill.
- A brief overview may be provided (if applicable).
- Board members may offer comments, questions, and perspectives.
- Members are encouraged to:
 - Keep remarks concise.
 - Avoid repetition.
 - Focus on policy implications and organizational impact.
- The facilitator may call on members to ensure balanced participation.

At the conclusion of 15 minutes, discussion will pause and the Chair will call for a vote.

First Vote

Members will vote on one of the following positions:

- **Support the Bill**
- **Oppose the Bill**
- **Take No Action**

A **simple majority of members voting** is required to adopt a position.

If Majority Is Not Reached

If no position receives the required majority:

Round Two – Additional Deliberation (Up to 15 Minutes)

- A second round of discussion will occur.
- Discussion should focus on unresolved concerns or clarifications.
- Members are encouraged to move the conversation toward consensus where possible.

At the conclusion of the second discussion period, the Chair will call for a second vote.

Second Vote

- Voting options remain:
 - Support
 - Oppose
 - Take No Action
 - A simple majority is required.
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If Majority Is Still Not Reached

If no position receives a majority vote after two rounds:

- The bill will be **tabled**.
 - It may be reconsidered at the next scheduled meeting, as long as it is placed on the next meeting's agenda.
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Facilitation Expectations

To ensure productive dialogue:

- Speak only once, if possible.
 - Keep comments focused and policy oriented.
 - Respect differing viewpoints.
 - Avoid side conversations.
 - The facilitator may enforce time limits to ensure all voices are heard.
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Goal:

A transparent, respectful, and efficient process that allows all board members the opportunity to contribute meaningfully while maintaining disciplined decision-making.
