

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
ARIZONA SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD
ADULT GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the **Arizona Sex Offender Management Adult Guidelines and Standards Subcommittee** (the “Subcommittee”) and to the general public that the Subcommittee will hold a meeting, open to the public, on **March 18, 2026**.

The **March 18, 2026** Subcommittee meeting will be a hybrid access meeting. This means that the public has the opportunity to participate in person or virtually. Information on how the public may participate is outlined below.

Please note the location of the **March 18, 2026**, Subcommittee meeting:

Wednesday, March 18, 2026 · 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Arizona State Capitol
1700 West Washington Street (First Floor Conference Room)
Phoenix, Arizona

Virtual Meeting Access: Microsoft Teams Meeting: [Join](https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/29319931667678?p=2wzC768i7MUONhzt8I)
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The boardroom will be open to members of the public at 1:15 p.m.

A copy of the meeting agenda is attached. The Subcommittee reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02(H), the Subcommittee may discuss and take action concerning any matter listed on the agenda.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2), the Subcommittee may vote to convene in executive session, which will not be open to the public, for discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), the Subcommittee may vote to convene in executive session, which will not be open to the public, for legal consultation and advice concerning any item on the agenda.

Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, by contacting Ms. Ashlesha Naik at 602-223-2611 or via email at AZSOMB@AZDPS.GOV. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodation(s).

DATED AND POSTED this 13th Day of March 2026.

By: *Jenna G. Mitchell*

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ARIZONA SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD
ADULT GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS SUBCOMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 18, 2026
Regular Session

1:30 PM

ALL ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA ARE OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION, INCLUDING REPORTS AND ACTION ITEMS.

THE AGENDA AND BACKGROUND MATERIAL ARE PROVIDED TO BOARD MEMBERS ELECTRONICALLY (WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MATERIAL RELATING TO POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS) AND POSTED ON THE ARIZONA PUBLIC MEETING WEBSITE AT <https://publicmeetings.az.gov/>. ADDITIONALLY, A HARD COPY OF THE AGENDA IS AVAILABLE AT 2222 WEST ENCANTO BLVD., PHOENIX, AZ. PLEASE EMAIL AZSOMB@AZDPS.GOV TO INSPECT THE DOCUMENTS.

REMINDER: As required by Open Meeting Law, please refrain from engaging in conversations, texts, emails and other forms of communication with individual board members. All questions, comments, deliberations and decisions should be stated to the public body as a whole in open session.

1. ROLL CALL

2. MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- a. Old Business –
 - i. 2026 Meeting Dates – November Meeting Rescheduled to November 4 (due to State Holiday/Veterans Day on November 11)
 - ii. Continued Discussion on Standards and Research from Other States and Entities on Interventions for Adults with Sexual Behavior Problems
- b. Discussion of Arizona’s Initial Evaluation Practices for Adults with Sexual Behavior Problems
- c. Discussion About the Distribution of Work to be Completed Outside of Meeting by Individual Subcommittee Members
- d. Discussion of Guiding Principles
- e. Discussion/Prioritization of Duties & Responsibilities
- f. Discussion of Current Community Notification Assessment

3. THE COMMITTEE MAY VOTE TO CONVENE AND ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR ANY REASON AUTHORIZED BY A.R.S. § 38-431.03

including personnel matters, confidential records, legal advice, litigation, contract negotiations, employee salary discussions, and international or tribal negotiations. (To do so, the public body must first vote publicly to enter executive session, specifying the reason, and no legal action or final decisions can be made during the session. All motions and voting must be conducted after return to the public session.)

4. ADJOURNMENT

NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2026, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



BACKGROUND MATERIAL
AZSOMB ADULT GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS
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March 18, 2026



ARIZONA SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT BOARD

2026 Adult Guidelines and Standards Subcommittee Meetings

- Date:** February 18, 2026
March 18, 2026
April 15, 2026
May 13, 2026
June 10, 2026
July 29, 2026
August 26, 2026
September 23, 2026
October 21, 2026
November 4, 2026
December 9, 2026

Time: 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Location: Virtual Microsoft Teams Meeting



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March 18, 2026

IDAHO SOMB OUTLINE
BY
MR. BLAKE BARNEY

I. Idaho Sexual Offender Management Board (SOMB): Role & Authority

Establishment & Purpose

Created by the Idaho Legislature to set statewide policies for sexual offender management and best practices.

Charged with setting standards for:

Psychosexual evaluations

Sexual offender treatment programs

Certification of providers and evaluators

Protocols for management, classification, and quality assurance of sexual offender services.

Certification & Oversight

SOMB develops qualifications and certification procedures for professionals who:

Conduct psychosexual evaluations

Provide offender treatment

Administer court-ordered post-conviction polygraphs.

The Board may certify, revoke, or discipline providers not meeting standards.

Standards & Guidelines

SOMB Standards and Guidelines for adult and juvenile offender management are incorporated into state administrative rules.

Legal Information Institute

These standards reflect evidence-based and evolving best practices consistent with national norms.

II. Treatment & Evaluation Protocols

Psychosexual Evaluations

Conducted pursuant to SOMB's established standards for adults and juveniles.

Legal Information Institute

Must use specific assessment measures outlined in the state standards.

Legal Information Institute

Treatment Services

Providers offering offender treatment must be SOMB-certified and follow the Board's adult or juvenile treatment standards.

Treatment is specialized and focused on risk reduction, relapse prevention, and behavior patterns linked to offending (per national standards adopted by SOMB).

Professional Conduct

Certified evaluators and treatment providers are required to follow ethical standards, scientific data, and statutory reporting protocols.

Legal Information Institute

III. Supervision Protocols

Risk Assessment & Case Planning

The Idaho Dept. of Correction (IDOC) uses specific risk assessment tools and conditions of supervision for sexual offenders.

Supervision plans may include:

Psychosexual evaluations

Polygraph testing

Required treatment or aftercare

Employment, housing, and travel restrictions.

Specialized Supervision Practices

Officers trained in sex offender supervision monitor compliance with conditions, curfews, restitution, and registration requirements.

Collaborative Case Management

SOMB encourages collaboration between supervision officers and treatment professionals for case planning and monitoring.

IV. Treatment Outcomes & Quality Assurance

Ongoing Quality Assurance

SOMB has quality assurance mechanisms to review evaluations and treatment practices statewide.

Legal Information Institute

Reviews ensure compliance with minimum standards and professional qualifications.

Outcome Monitoring

Effectiveness of treatment is evaluated in the context of risk assessment and reduction of recidivism, though specific outcome reporting is typically internal to agencies and isn't publicly detailed in statute.

V. Sentencing Guidelines for Sex Offenses in Idaho

(These are statutory criminal penalties separate from SOMB treatment standards.)

Range of Penalties

Rape (non-consensual sexual penetration) — felony punishable by at least 1 year to life imprisonment.

Sexual Abuse of a Child (e.g., sexual contact with minor) — felony punishable by up to 25 years.

Lewd Conduct with Minor Under 16 — felony punishable by up to life.

Sexual Battery of Minor (16–17) with age gap — felony punishable by up to life (depending on conduct).

New Aggravated Lewd Conduct Penalties (2025 Law)

A separate offense of aggravated lewd conduct with a minor under 16 may carry mandatory minimum prison terms (e.g., 25 years+) and life in prison, depending on aggravating factors.

For children 12 or under, if certain aggravating factors are proven, the law allows prosecutors to pursue the death penalty (subject to constitutional challenges and requirements).

Sex Offender Registry

Convictions require registration under Idaho's sexual offender registry law (Chapter 83 of Title 18), which governs public notification and duration. (Separate from SOMB authority but relevant to post-sentence supervision.)

VI. Integration With Courts and Corrections

Pre-Sentence Evaluations

Courts often order psychosexual evaluations to inform sentencing, risk classification, and treatment planning.

Probation/Parole Conditions

Judges and parole boards can require treatment, polygraph testing, registration, and specialized supervision conditions as part of sentencing or post-release supervision.

1. Certified Treatment Providers

Before any specific treatment protocol can be applied, a provider must be certified by the SOMB to offer sex offender–specific therapy. SOMB sets standards for qualifications and levels of certification, with multiple tiers reflecting training and experience:

Senior/Approved Sex Offender Treatment Provider – Experienced clinician able to independently provide specialized treatment and supervise other providers.

Associate/Supervised Sex Offender Treatment Provider – Licensed clinician providing treatment under supervision of a Senior provider.

Provisional/Supervised Sex Offender Treatment Provider – Less experienced provider in training, treating offenders under direct supervision.

These certification requirements help ensure that only appropriately trained professionals deliver treatment consistent with the Board’s standards.

2. Treatment Principles & Framework

Evidence-Based and Ethical Practice

Providers must adhere to ethical codes, relevant statutes, and scientific data regarding sexual offending behavior and treatment.

Treatment is designed around risk reduction and community safety rather than solely talk therapy.

Specialized Training & Competence

Treatment providers are required to have completed specialized training in sex offender-specific assessment and intervention techniques.

3. Structure of Treatment Services

While the SOMB standards themselves are proprietary and detailed, most certified programs include the following structured components (typical of SOMB-based models and consistent with national best practices incorporated into Idaho's Standards):

Risk-Driven Interventions

Assessment of static (unchangeable) and dynamic (changeable) risk factors to tailor the treatment focus.

The person's risk level guides treatment intensity and duration.

Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment (CBT)

Programs primarily use Cognitive-Behavioral approaches to address:

Offending patterns

Relapse prevention

Cognitive distortions

Emotion regulation

Empathy development

Treatment Plans & Progress Tracking

Providers create an individualized treatment plan that outlines goals based on each person's risk and needs.

Monthly and quarterly status updates and progress reports are typically required.

Monitoring & Reinforcement

Use of structured homework, skill-building exercises, and accountability measures.

Integration of supervision conditions and sometimes polygraph monitoring if ordered by the court or supervising authority.

Discharge Summaries

Upon completion or discontinuation, providers must prepare discharge summaries documenting which risk factors were addressed and what was achieved.

4. Professional Conduct and Continuing Education

Treatment providers must follow professional etiquette, confidentiality standards, and statutory reporting obligations.

Legal Information Institute

The SOMB requires ongoing continuing education in sex-offender-related topics for certification maintenance.

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5. Coordination with Courts, Supervision, and Evaluation

Although treatment protocols are clinical, they are often coordinated with legal and correctional supervision systems:

Psychosexual evaluations inform treatment planning.

Supervision officers may require participation in specific treatment modules or incorporate treatment progress into supervision plans.

Compliance with treatment goals can affect probation/parole conditions.



BACKGROUND MATERIAL

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CSOMB PRESENTENCE GUIDELINES SUMMARY

BY

DR. BRECKEN BLADES

CSOMB Presentence Guidelines Summary

Discussion: The purpose of the PSI is to provide the court with relevant information upon which to base sentencing decisions. The sex offense-specific evaluation establishes a baseline of information about the offender's risk and protective factors, treatment needs and amenability to treatment. The PSI may include recommendations about an offender's suitability for community supervision.

- Each sex offender shall be the subject of a presentence investigation (PSI) which shall include a sex offense-specific evaluation. This report should be prepared in all cases where it has been ordered by the court.
- The purpose of a sex offense-specific evaluation is to assess a client's need for treatment, determine what type of treatment is needed, and identify the risk level and any additional needs the client may have.
- The PSI report, including the sex offense-specific evaluation, should be provided by the Probation Department to the Department of Corrections when applicable and should follow the sex offender in placements within the criminal justice system.
- The PSI report should be completed by a pre-sentence investigator specially trained in sex offender management.

When referring an offender for the sex offense-specific evaluation, the referral packet may include but is not limited to the following:

- Police reports
- Victim impact statements
- Child protection reports
- A criminal history
- Summary of available risk assessment information
- Prior evaluations and treatment reports
- Prior supervision records
- Release of Information
- Any other information requested by the evaluator

Sex offense-specific evaluations received by the pre-sentence investigation writer that have been performed prior to an admission of guilt by the sex offender (pre-plea) may not meet the requirements of these Standards.

If the PSI writer receives a pre-plea evaluation and finds that the evaluation does not contain the information required under these Standards, the PSI writer may inform the court and provide recommendations upon request from the court. The PSI writer may seek supplemental information from the evaluator to collaboratively resolve any outstanding issues.