



**UTAH'S COMMISSION  
ON CRIMINAL &  
JUVENILE JUSTICE**

# **SEX OFFENSE MANAGEMENT BOARD**

Vision and  
Structure

# BACKGROUND

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During the 2023 General Legislative Session, House Bill 268 created the Sex Offense Management Board. The vision for the Board is to evaluate the latest research and develop consensus-driven and evidence-based policy recommendations in the realm of sex offense management, to promote public safety, protect victims, reduce recidivism, and protect the rights of individuals convicted of these offenses.

# MEMBERSHIP

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The Board is made up of eighteen criminal justice stakeholders (or their designees):

- The Director of the Department of Corrections
- The Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety
- The Attorney General
- An Adult Probation and Parole Agent with Experience Supervising Individuals Convicted of Sex Offenses
- The Director of the Department of Health and Human Services
- A representative of the Administrative Office of the Courts
- The Director of the Utah Office for Victims of Crime
- The Director of Juvenile Justice and Youth Services
- The Chair of the Board of Pardons and Parole
- An Adult Treatment Provider
- A Juvenile Treatment Provider
- A Defense Attorney Representative
- An Indigent Defense Representative
- A Prosecution Representative
- A Law Enforcement Representative
- A Victim Advocacy Representative
- A Polygraph Examiner
- An Individual Previously Convicted of a Sex Offense who has Successfully Completed Supervision and Treatment

# LEADERSHIP AND STAFF

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The Board will be led by a chair and co-chair selected by the Board membership, to serve renewable two-year terms.

CCJJ will provide staff support to the Board, including a full-time Director who will oversee the work of the Board. CCJJ is currently accepting applications for that position and expects to hire someone after funding is available July 1st, 2023.

# RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER AGENCIES

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The Board is tasked with advising three other entities:

- **CCJJ** - The Board will advise and make recommendations to other councils, boards, and offices within CCJJ regarding sex offense management policy.
- **Department of Corrections** - The Board will advise and make recommendations to UDC regarding evidence-based standards for supervision and treatment.
- **Department of Health and Human Services** - The Board will advise and make recommendations to DHHS regarding evidence-based standards for supervision and treatment.

# LEGISLATIVE PARTICIPATION

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In contrast to CCJJ and the Sentencing Commission, the Board does not include policymakers among its membership. Its work is expected to be more technical, focused on developing and implementing improved treatment and supervision practices.

As the Board identifies needed policy changes, it will report its findings to CCJJ and the Sentencing Commission to help inform their positions on proposed legislation or pursue new policy proposals.

## SPECIFIC AREAS OF FOCUS

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While the Board is still in its infancy, it is difficult to commit it to specific policy goals on a concrete timeline. However, based on prior discussions within CCJJ, the Sentencing Commission, and the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee, the Board is expected to study a few key areas of interest:

- Development of clear, evidence-based training, certification, and evaluation standards for sex offense treatment providers;
- Moving toward a more "risk-based" sex offense registry, where registry obligations better account for risk of recidivism;
- A recodification of sex offense registry statutes to clarify, streamline, and resolve any inconsistencies in existing law.

# CONCLUSION & CONTACT

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CCJJ understands that sex offense management is a vital concern for this committee and the state. We are committed to facilitating the work of this Board in an efficient, collaborative, and transparent fashion. It is our hope that, given some time for the Board to establish and prove itself, policymakers will begin to see this Board as an indispensable asset bringing consistency, focus, and expertise to a challenging arena.

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