

MINUTES

Sexual Offender Risk Review Board (SORRB)

Date | time 11/14/2024 | 10:00am Meeting called to order by Frank Mullis, Board Chair

In Attendance

Note Taker: Cailin Rossi

Members in Attendance: Mindy Ackerman, Elizabeth Bigham, Ezell Brown, Jerry Bruce, James Chafin, Robbie Frederick, Jim Morton, Frank Mullis, Bert Reeves, Lori Rozier, Meghan Thurmond

Members Absent: Katie Gropper

Staff in Attendance: Tracy Alvord, Richard Hammond, Cailin Rossi

Legal Representative in Attendance: Elizabeth Crowder, Office of the Attorney General

**The public can view the meeting via YouTube*

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 10/10/2024 were voted on – all were in favor – Motion Carried.

The minutes from Emergency Board Meeting 10/28/2024 were voted on – all were in favor – Motion Carried.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

There are currently no active committees.

Unfinished Business

- **2025 Retreat:** Tracy explains that SORRB Deputy Director, Richard Hammond, has compiled a comparison list of the 3 options for the Annual Retreat but they are awaiting information on the State properties to add to the list as well. Once added Tracy will send the list via email to Board Members and the location will be voted on in the next Board Meeting.

New Business

- **2024 Holiday Gathering:** Board Chair, Frank Mullis, asks Board Members if they are interested in having a Holiday Party in December and all members agree. Jerry Bruce and Robbie Frederick both offer locations to host as SORRB does not have an office currently. It is decided that the party will follow the December Board Meeting, which will be moved from December 12 to December 19 at 10:00am to accommodate all Board Members' attendance and will be located at the OBP building. An email will be sent out with further details.
 - **Motion to Approve moving 12/12 Board Meeting to 12/19:** James Chafin; Seconded: Lori Rozier

Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Tracy Alvord presented her report:

- **Judicial Review – via YouTube 12/16 @ 3:30pm:** SORRB Clinical Evaluator Supervisor, Amanda Aten, will be testifying for this Judicial Review. It can be viewed via YouTube and will give Board Members the opportunity to see how the process works.
- **Meeting at Capitol/New Staff:** Tracy states she had a meeting at the Capitol that went great. Because of the bigger budget, SORRB will be officially fully staffed by 11/18/2024. This includes promotions within SORRB as well. Markus Wiegel, promoted to SORRB Research & Legislative Analyst, has been steadily training new hires since 7/1/2024 and is ready to enter phase 2 after the newest set of hires on 11/18. The 11/18 new hire group will consist of 2 full-time Clinical Evaluators, 2 part-time Investigators and 1 part-time Administrative Analyst. Tracy is very appreciative of the offices in Cobb County that SORRB has been able to use as well as the balcony in the Towers that Markus has used for training. Tracy is hoping that by January, Markus will be able to start back up with the brief discussions/trainings after Board Meetings for all Board Members. SORRB Deputy Director, Richard Hammond is settling in well to the position, working on the CJCC grant, some goals for the upcoming year and working with GTA regarding a whole overhaul of the SORRB website. SORRB Office Operations Manager, Cailin Rossi, has just returned from maternity leave and is stepping into this newly created position. Cailin will be working on updating and creating all SORRB's policies and procedures. SORRB Office Operations Assistant, Destinie Gallon, is taking over Cailin's previous position and the SORRB Administrative Assistant is then stepping into Destinie's previous position. SORRB will also have 2 Administrative Analysts who will work on entering all offenders into the SORRB database and complete criminal histories. SORRB Chief Investigator, Russ Finley, now has 8 Investigators with two more starting 11/18. SORRB Clinical Evaluator Supervisor, Amanda Aten, has been awesome with the new Clinical Evaluators. By 11/18 there will be 10 full-time and 15 part-time Clinical Evaluators which fills every slot. Tracy states she will be on the list for SORRB to testify about budget again when Appropriations starts. During the Annual Retreat, there will be discussion regarding the new influx of cases and how they will be handled moving forward.
- **Next Board Meeting – December 19, 2024:** Next month's Board Meeting will take place in the OPB building and will still be streamed via YouTube for the public.

Case Review – Discussion and Vote

NOTE: cases are provided to the board members through the month prior to the board meeting, so the cases are read prior to the meeting. Each case is identified by number rather than name to increase objectivity. Any staff member or Board Member that has knowingly worked with the specific offender/court case has been recused and does not participate in the classification of that offender.

LEVEL 1 CASES - 15 cases presented for vote

- Discussion: Elizabeth Bigham states concern with case #14028. Although the offender has only one confirmed Child Molestation charge, there are multiple accusations. There is concern with the ages of the victims, the sexual pattern of the offender and the fact that the offenses started when he was a juvenile and continually offended after that. Bert Reeves agrees, and states concerns with the offender's incidents expanding over 3 decades.
- **Motion to Approve pulling case 14028 for further review:** Ezell Brown; Seconded: Elizabeth Bigham

- Recusals: None
- Motion to Approve: Bert Reeves; Seconded: Robbie Frederick
- Roll Call – Number For: 11; Number Against: 0
- Conclusion: **Motion Carried to approve 14 Level 1 cases.**

LEVEL 2 CASES – 28 cases presented for vote

- Discussion: Although recused from case #31331, Board Vice Chair, Mindy Ackerman can provide some insight on juvenile offenders. Mindy briefly explains some key factors when dealing with juvenile sex offender cases. There is discussion and many concerns regarding this offender because of the age during the offense and violence involved with the charges. There is also concern regarding if this offender is in current sex offender treatment and if so, why polygraphs are not being issued. SORRB is not able to gain access to DJJ records. There is discussion of SORRB contacting both the DA and DCS officer involved with this case for further clarification.
- **Motion to Approve pulling case 31331 for further review:** Jerry Bruce; Seconded: James Chafin
- Discussion: Jim Morton wishes to discuss 26353 but because there was no notification of the case earlier it is discussed that the case should just be pulled for discussion and further review.
- **Motion to Approve pulling case 26353 for further review:** Jim Morton; Seconded: Robbie Frederick
- Recusals: Frank Mullis – 24766, 26088, 27742; Mindy Ackerman - 31331
- Motion to Approve: Robbie Frederick; Seconded: Bert Reeves
- Roll Call – Number for: 11/10 (for cases w/ recusals); Number Against: 0
- Conclusion: **Motion Carried to approve 26 Level 2 cases.**

SEXUALLY DANGEROUS PREDATORS (SDP) – 19 cases presented for vote

- Discussion: Frank asks Tracy for some clarification regarding an offender being leveled that no longer lives in Georgia. Tracy explains that any sex offender convicted in the state of Georgia, whether they leave the state and come back or not, will be leveled by SORRB because they are a Georgia convicted sex offender. If convicted in another state and move to Georgia, then move back out, they will not be leveled by SORRB. Frank then discusses case 23375, he is concerned that the offender only has one sex offense but is being leveled an SDP. Tracy explains the risk increasing factors in this case include the relationship to the victims, 3 male prepubescent victims, marrying someone with children, and additional allegations. Elizabeth Bigham asks why SORRB is not able to get out of state records and Tracy explains SORRB does not have direct access to cases in other states and with treatment records there are HIPPA laws. Tracy also states that the offender will have an opportunity to provide treatment notes and/or court cases to potentially lower the designation if a reevaluation is requested.
- Recusals: Frank Mullis – 14313, 32019
- Motion to Approve: James Chafin; Seconded: Bert Reeves
- Roll Call – Number for: 11/10 (for cases w/ recusals); Number Against: 0
- Conclusion: **Motion Carried to approve 19 Level SDP cases.**

REEVALUATION CASES – 6 cases presented for vote

- Discussion: None.
- Recusals: None.
- Motion to Approve: Ezell Brown; Seconded: Lori Rozier
- Roll Call – Number for: 11; Number Against: 0
- Conclusion: **Motion Carried to approve 6 Reevaluation cases.**

Additional Discussion

Tracy mentions that Board Member Mandi Ballinger recently rolled off the Board and wishes to give thanks and praise to Mandi as she was imperative in SORRB receiving a grant for 7 years as well as Mandi's generous contribution to helping SORRB with Appropriations. In addition, she has assisted in laws impacting SORRB.

Next Meeting

December 19, 2024 @ 10:00am

The November 14, 2024, meeting was adjourned at 11:18am

R. Frank Mullis, Jr., Dcou, LPC
Board Chairman



Tracy Alvord
Executive Director

SEXUAL OFFENDER RISK REVIEW BOARD

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15 LEVEL ONE CASES

1	2757	1-CR-NC	KL
2	3324	1-CR-NC	KL
3	12337	1-CR-D	KL
4	12942	1	KL
5	14028 REMOVED	1	KL
6	18203	1	KL
7	27537	1	JP
8	27889	1	JC
9	31878	1	JLP
10	31965	1	KL
11	31966	1	KL
12	32069	1	KL
13	32142	1	KL
14	32145	1	KL
15	32179	1	JC

28 LEVEL TWO CASES

1	11660	2	JP	15	26353 REMOVED	2	JS
2	11790	2	KL	16	26716	2	JP
3	21471	2	JLP	17	27097	2	JP
4	22972	2	KL	18	27742 FM Recused	2	JC
5	22984	2	JP	19	28055	2	KS
6	22992	2	MA	20	28097	2	KS
7	23107	2	JP	21	29801	2	JC
8	23700	2	JC	22	29970	2	JS
9	24261	2	DD	23	30089	2	JC
10	24403	2	JP	24	30952	2	KL
11	24766 FM Recused	2	JC	25	31331 MA Recused REMOVED	2	JP
12	25066	2	JC	26	31903	2	JP
13	26088 FM Recused	2	JC	27	32027	2	JLP

14	26181	2	JC	28	32029	2	KL
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19 SEXUALLY DANGEROUS PREDATOR CASES

1	7495	SDP	JS	11	23375	SDP	JS
2	7519	SDP	JLP	12	26061	SDP	JP
3	13708	SDP	JP	13	26322	SDP	JS
4	14313 FM Recused	SDP	MA	14	30032	SDP	JP
5	15784	SDP	KL	15	30665	SDP	AA
6	17144	SDP	JP	16	31164	SDP	MA
7	18346	SDP	MA	17	31866	SDP	JC
8	20095	SDP	JC	18	32019	SDP	JC
9	20536	SDP	JP	19	32043	SDP	JLP
10	23106	SDP	JP				

6 REEVALUATION CASES

1	3576	1--R-D	KL
2	14267	SDP--R-NC	MW
3	20815	SDP-R-NC	MA
4	22470	2-R-NC	JP
5	23894	2-R-NC	JP
6	28145	SDP-R-NC	JP

CASE TOTALS

LEVEL 1 CASE TOTAL	15
LEVEL 2 CASE TOTAL	28
SEXUALLY DANGEROUS PREDATOR CASE TOTAL	19
REVALUATION CASE TOTAL	6
OVERAL TOTAL CLASSIFIED BY VOTE	68
CASES CLASSIFIED AS A CANNOT LEVEL	7
TOTAL OVERALL CLASSIFIED 11/14/2024	75
CASES REMOVED	14028-Level 1; 26353-Level 2; 31331-Level 2
NEW TOTAL (BY VOTE)	65

BOARD MEMBER VOTE

	BOARD MEMBER	ATTENDED	1ST	2ND	LEVEL 1	1ST	2ND	LEVEL 2	1ST	2ND	SDP	1ST	2ND	REEVAL
1	Mindy Ackerman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Elizabeth Bigham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3	Ezell Brown	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Jerry Bruce	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	James Chafin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Robbie Frederick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Katie Gropper ABSENT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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9	Frank Mullis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Bert Reeves	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Lori Rozier	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Meghan Thurmond	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	TOTAL PRESENT	11			11			11/10			11/10			11

***7 is a quorum; 8 if there is a recusal**