

# The SOMB Process

Creating & Updating Standards & Guidelines for the Management, Treatment and Supervision of Sex Offenders

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## Review/Feedback/Input

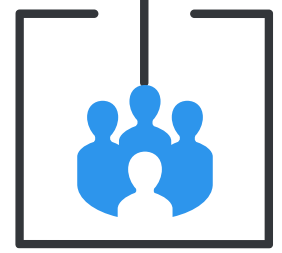


Legislators, members of the public, law enforcement, criminal justice professionals, or members of the SOMB identify opportunities to update the standards and guidelines to address concerns or gaps, or to bring them in line with new best practices and data.

## Assign to Committee

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The topic is assigned to one of 13 standing committees of the SOMB. Each committee is composed of various stakeholders, including various members of the SOMB who have expertise related to the topic, and other interested parties.



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## Research & Draft

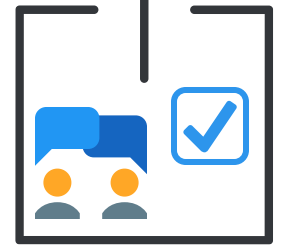


Division of Criminal Justice staff gather research on evidence-based best practices and data related to the topic, and present it to the committee. Members of the committee draft proposed changes to the appropriate section of the standards and guidelines to reflect evidence-based best practices.

## Committee Discussion & Vote

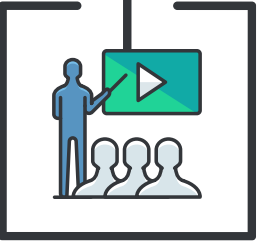
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The committee carefully discusses all proposed changes at a public meeting where members of the public can attend and comment. This may result in the committee making revisions and bringing the revised language back for additional discussion, followed by a vote of the committee.



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## Board Review & Vote



Proposed changes are brought to the full 25-member board for review, discussion and requests for revisions at a public meeting where members of the public can attend and comment. At a subsequent public meeting, the board votes whether to adopt the changes. If the motion fails, the committee may reconvene to make further revisions to address concerns raised by the board and/or public.

## Public Comment

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After the initial vote, the proposed revisions are put out for public comment. The Board reviews all public comments at their next board meeting.



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## Ratification of Revisions



The board reviews the public comments and makes any final adjustments. The 25-member board then votes to ratify the final version of the changes to the Standards and Guidelines.

## Implementation

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Updates to the Standards and Guidelines are published and shared electronically and via in-person training with stakeholders as soon as they are adopted rather than on an annual basis. This is because the standards and guidelines are continually being revised and updated to reflect current best practices and data from the criminal justice field.

