



Domestic Extremism and Mass Violence Task Force

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Friday, August 14, 2026

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Welcome, Introductions, Attendance (9:00-9:15)

Staff welcomed the Task Force members and members of the public to the August meeting of the Domestic Extremism and Mass Violence Task Force.

Staff announced that the public comment period on the Task Force's draft proposed recommendations took place from July 15 – August 7. The Task Force received a total of 14 public comments, which are posted on the Task Force's website and were distributed to Task Force members as part of their meeting materials.

Staff then announced that one written public comment was received by 5pm Thursday, August 13 on today's meeting agenda, and had been distributed to Task Force members before the meeting. Staff noted that the public comment portal will remain open for one week after the meeting, and close the following Friday, August 21. Additional comments received will be distributed to the Task Force after the portal closes and posted to the Task Force website.

Staff reviewed the agenda. Luis M moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Nathan W. Staff reviewed the meeting minutes from the last Task Force meeting on Friday, June 12. Luis moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Karl E. Motion passed by majority vote.

Recommendation Discussion (9:15-11:30)

Staff moved the group into discussion of the proposed recommendations, explaining the process for discussion of each recommendation, as well as reviewing and incorporating changes. Staff introduced each recommendation with a brief explanation of the background of the recommendation's development, including what subcommittee it was developed in, and highlights any proposed changes by staff or Task Force members put forward ahead of the Task Force meeting. Approval of proposed additions and revisions are made with a simple motion and majority vote.

Recommendation #1

- Staff introduced Recommendation #1, a centralized subject matter expert program (jointly developed by the AGO, Department of Health, and PERIL) addressing hate-fueled and targeted violence.

- Discussion focuses on strengthening civil liberties guardrails around protected speech and association (Jay G), and on the proposed program name, with several alternatives raised (Jay G, Mercedes S, Karl E) and general agreement (Roger K, staff advisor Cynthia) that the name does not need to be finalized at this stage. Leslie C raises whether the program should be housed at DOH or the AGO.
- Jay G moves to table Recommendation #1 for further revision in September, seconded by Roger K. Motion passes.

Recommendation #2

- Staff introduces Recommendation #2, a grant program aligned with the proposed Youth Development Fund (Schools Out Washington/OSPI), with proposed additions on social-emotional awareness, wellness, and self-esteem (Roger K).
- Discussion covers strengthening coordination with related funding streams so the grant is not run as a standalone, siloed program (Sarah W), and whether to retain "screen time" language — the group ultimately favors removing it to keep the recommendation strategic rather than tactical, while retaining the wellness and self-esteem additions (Dyneeca V).
- Nate moves to advance Recommendation #2 with proposed edits, seconded by Roger K. Vote: 13 yes, 3 no. Motion passes.

Recommendation #3

- Staff introduces Recommendation #3, grant funding for community-connectedness programming, including a staff-proposed revision merging civic engagement and law enforcement outreach examples into broader civic-engagement language.
- Discussion adds "community-led outreach programs" language, distinguishing community-led engagement from government-directed outreach (Jay G).
- Roger K moves to include the staff-proposed revision with this friendly amendment, seconded by Jay G. Discussion continues before a vote is taken.
- Additional revisions are discussed adding "family and caregiver support groups" (Parents 4 Peace) and "broad anti-violence prevention programming" (staff/Sharonne N) to the example list.
- Roger K moves to include both additions, seconded by Keara K. Vote: 13 yes. Motion passes.

Recommendation #4

- Staff introduces Recommendation #4, digital media literacy curriculum development for students, adults/workplace, and elected officials, with a proposed addition of parents and caregivers (Parents 4 Peace).
- Discussion covers broadening the elected-officials category to include appointed and public-facing officials given the lack of existing training infrastructure (Jay G), and a substantial exchange (Jay G, Seth L, Keara K) on distinguishing teachable manipulation-technique recognition from content-based truth/falsity judgments, to avoid First Amendment and viewpoint-discrimination concerns. The group lands on simplified

language: "teach users to identify, evaluate, and build resilience against manipulative, dehumanizing, and harmful content." The Task Force declines a proposed change from "endorsed by OSPI" to "coordinated by OSPI," preserving language that respects local district control over curriculum.

- Keara K moves to include the revised language, the elected-officials revision, and the Parents 4 Peace addition, seconded by Kate B. Vote: 15 yes. Motion passes.

Recommendation #5

- Staff introduces Recommendation #5, active bystander training and in-depth training on nihilistic violence and online exploitation, required at minimum for mandatory reporters, with a Parents 4 Peace proposal to extend training to parents/caregivers.
- The Task Force declines to add "former extremists" as named training practitioners, citing mixed evidence on effectiveness (Seth L, Keara K). Discussion also raises the need to keep pace with emerging online threats; rather than set a fixed review cadence within this recommendation, the group favors making regular review of emerging trends a program-wide duty under Recommendation #1 (Roger K).
- Matt W moves to adopt the remaining proposed additions, seconded by Adriana S. Vote: 14 yes. Motion passes.

Recommendation #6

- Staff introduces Recommendation #6, PSA and public education campaigns on violent extremism topics, with proposed additions from Parents 4 Peace on help-seeking action and a stigma-reduction campaign.
- Discussion favors adding help-seeking language rather than replacing existing prevention-role messaging (Seth L), and revising the "additional topics" bullet to remove reference to specific ideologies or movements — in response to public comments misconstruing the Task Force's purpose — in favor of language on recruitment tactics and mobilization indicators (Mercedes S).
- Matt W moves to add the proposed revisions, seconded by Luis P. Vote: 14 yes. Motion passes.

Next Steps & Closing (11:55-12:00)

- Staff confirms the next meeting is September 11, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Pacific, to complete discussion of Recommendations #7–12. Members unable to attend should identify a proxy; additional proposed revisions can be submitted in advance to the Task Force email address.
- Staff will be out for the September meeting, which will be co-facilitated by Ellen and Sahba, AGO staff.
- Under Good of the Order, Task Force members thank staff and Manveer for their work; staff thanks the group for its engagement.

Meeting adjourned 11:56 am

Attendance List

Name	Organization	Present?
Adrianna S	UTOPIA Washington	Yes
Dyneeca V	Freedom Project	Yes
Emma J	Parents 4 Peace	Y (unable to attend full meeting)
Faaluaina P	Asia Pacific Cultural Center	No
Jay G	WIDEN; Gairson Law, LLC	Yes
Juan P	Unidos of Snohomish County	Yes
Karen S	Muslims for Community Action and Support	No
Karl E	Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington and North Idaho	Yes
Kate B	Western States Center	Yes (unable to attend full meeting)
Keara K	Jewish Family Service	Yes
Leslie C	Washington Coalition for Police Accountability	Yes
Luis M	Snohomish Citizens for Human Rights	Yes
Mark C	Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office	No
Matt W	ADL Center on Extremism	Yes
Mercedes S	Cedar River Clinics	Yes
Nathan W	Washington State Department of Health	Yes
Richard B: Proxy Curt Lutz	Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs	Yes
Roger K	Projects for a Civil Society	Yes
Sahej K	Khalsa Gurmat Center	Yes (unable to attend full meeting)
Sarah W	CoLab for Community and Behavioral Health Policy Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences University of Washington	Yes
Seth L	PERIL: the Polarization & Extremism Research and Innovation Lab	Yes
Sharonne N	Equity in Education Coalition	Yes
Stacey M	WA State Emergency Management	No
VACANT	Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction	No

William H	Center For Children & Youth Justice	Yes (joined late)
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