



Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

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**Call to Order, Introductions,
Review and Approve Minutes**

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OSAC Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

1. Welcome and Call to Order (10 mins.)
 - Review and Approval of the February 2026 OSAC Minutes
2. Committee Membership Vote Process - Community and Expert Representative (40 mins.)
 - Application Process and Timeline
 - Introductions from Applicants
3. Public Comment (10 mins.)
4. Executive Session (30 mins.)
5. Membership Vote on Community and Expert Representatives (10 mins.)
6. Updates (5 mins.)
 - Governor's Overdose Task Force
7. Next Steps
 - Next Meeting: **May 27, 2026**, 1p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Department of Administration, 1 Capitol Hill, Providence



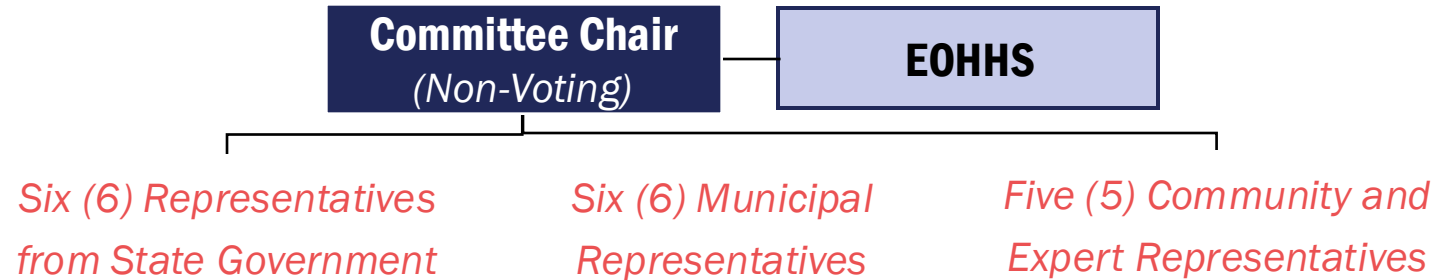
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Application Process and Timeline Overview

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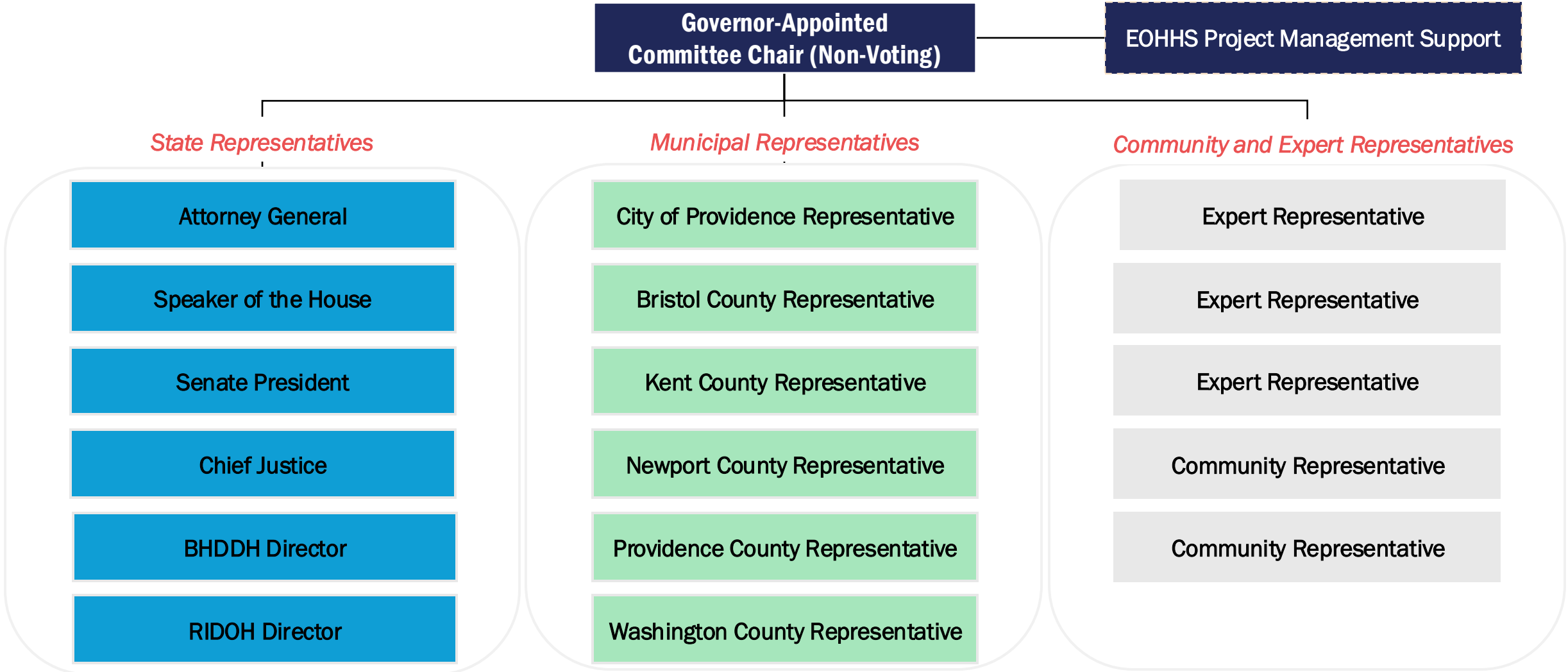


Structure of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC)



- The Opioid Settlement Agreement's Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Rhode Island and the participating cities and towns established the OSAC, which advises the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) on the usage of funds allocated as the State portion (80% of total) over 18 years.
- The OSAC reviews priorities established in each settlement, as well as State and community partner priorities, and generates a report for the EOHHS Secretary.
- The makeup of the OSAC ensures that the State and participating cities and towns have equal input into the recommendations for use of the State-allocated funds. EOHHS provides administrative support.

OSAC Membership Structure



Reminder: OSAC Membership Process



- State representatives are designated by each agency.
- Municipal representatives are *appointed* by the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns.
- Community and expert representatives are *elected* by the OSAC with the following staggered approach:
 - **Community Representative** appointments shall be for two (2) years and three (3) years, and all subsequent Community Representative appointments shall be for two (2) year terms.
 - **Expert Representative** appointments shall be for two (2) years, three (3) years, and four (4) years, and all subsequent Expert Representative appointments shall be for three (3) year terms.

Thank you to the members who are transitioning out of their OSAC roles.

- Community Representative: **Meko Lincoln**
- Expert Representative: **Dennis Bailer**

Reminder: OSAC Membership Process



Below is the process used to fill open Community Committee Member and Expert Committee Member positions:

- The OSAC Chair and EOHHS staff developed an OSAC Committee Member application, and it was released on February 11, 2026.
 - The application was circulated to the Overdose Task Force, its work groups, and Task Force Newsletter recipients.
- The submission deadline was March 2, 2026. The original February 27, 2026, date was extended due to inclement weather closures.
- OSAC members reviewed each application independently and returned ranking sheets to EOHHS by March 13, 2026.
- The OSAC is scheduled to vote during the March 25, 2026, meeting.
- The two new OSAC members will start at the next OSAC meeting.

OSAC Member Recruitment Application

- ✓ Contact Information
- ✓ Demographics
- ✓ Work and/or Lived Experience Short Summary
- ✓ Qualifications Short Summary
- ✓ Resume

All OSAC Applicants: Community and Expert



Expert
Abby Antwi
Kristen Young
Laurie MacDougall
Meghann Perry
Melissa Carbone
Michael Hogan
Michael O'Neill
Sandy Valentine
Thomas DeFanti
Zaida Hernandez

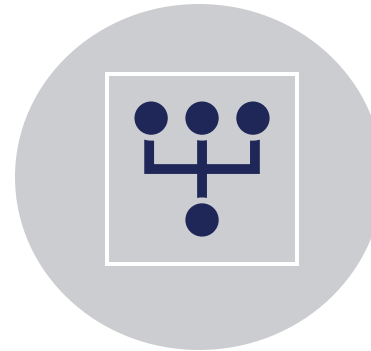
Community
Katie Pariser-Gollon
Laurie MacDougall
Lex Morales
Lindsay Garcia
Thomas Joyce

Applicant Review Criteria

All application materials were reviewed by all OSAC members. OSAC members were asked to rank each applicant based on following criteria:



Diversity of perspective that a given applicant would bring to the committee. Diversity is considered broadly and considered how a given applicant would increase the diversity of committee's perspectives relative to its current composition.



Applicant's depth of experience and/or expertise that they would bring to committee's work.

An EOHHS staff member compiled the scores (e.g., 5 points for top rank, 4 points for second rank) and averaged them to identify top five applicants in each group.

OSAC Applicants: Expert Position

Speaking to
Group

Expert
Abby Antwi
Melissa Carbone
Michael O'Neill
Sandy Valentine
Thomas DeFanti

OSAC Applicants: Community Position

Speaking to
Group

Community
Katie Pariser-Gollon
Laurie MacDougall
Lex Morales
Lindsay Garcia
Thomas Joyce

Three-Minute Applicant Introductions

1. Brief introduction
2. Describe the experience and/or expertise you have (personal and professional) with the overdose crisis and how you would use it in the Committee's work.

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Public Comment

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Voting Instructions and Process

Purpose

The ballot is designated for members of the OSAC to cast their votes in the election. Members will select one expert and one community representative to join the OSAC.

Instructions

Current OSAC members will be asked to vote. In the event of a tie, please note that a subsequent round of voting will be conducted, focusing solely on the candidates involved in the tie.

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Executive Session

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Committee Vote

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Governor's Overdose Task Force Updates

- The Semi-Annual Report is due on March 31.
- The next Task Force will be held virtually on April 8.
- April is National Alcohol Awareness Month.
 - The Task Force will feature a data presentation on alcohol-related overdose deaths in Rhode Island.
 - An update from the Federal Advisory Committee.

Next Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee Meeting: May 27, 2026



Date:	Wednesday, May 27, 2026
Time:	1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Location:	Department of Administration, 2 nd Floor

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Thank You

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