

AGENDA

JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday, 2 September 2025
11:00 a.m.**

**Judicial Conduct Commission
1385 S. State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84115**

NO.	ITEM	REPORTING	TAB
1	Welcome, Call to Order, Public Comment, Oath of Office	Chair	1
2	Approval of Public Minutes	Chair	2
3	Director's report	Alex Peterson	3
4	Budget	Alex Peterson	4
5	Statistical Report	Alex Peterson	5
6	Motion to Close Public Meeting Approval of Confidential Minutes Confidential Matters	Chair	6
7	Next Meeting	Chair	
8	Other Business	Chair	
9	Adjournment	Chair	

Notice is hereby provided that the JCC will be meeting in person at our anchor location. The public is invited to attend at anchor location address above.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations are requested to contact the Judicial Conduct Commission, (801) 468-0021, at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting date and time.

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**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE
JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION MEETING**

Tuesday, 5 August 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

**Judicial Conduct Commission
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Meeting was conducted at anchor location

Present:

Ms. Cheylynn Hayman, Chair
Ms. Michele Ballantyne (video)
Rep. Grant Miller
Sen. Jen Plumb (video)
Hon. Ryan Harris
Hon. Michael Edwards
Mr. Stephen Studdert (video)
Ms. Georgia Thompson (video)

Excused:

Sen. Brady Brammer
Rep. Jordan Teuscher

Staff:

Alex Peterson
Aimee Thoman
Joe McGivern

Guests / Public:

None

1. Welcome. Chair called the meeting to order. Public comment allowed, none was given.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Motion: Ms. Thompson To approve the minutes of the public portion of the 1 July 2025 meeting.

Second: Mr. Miller

Vote: Unanimous

3. Director's Report. Mr. Peterson reviewed the Director's Report, updating the Commission on AJDC / CJEⁱ (x2), JPECⁱⁱ (x1), CCJJⁱⁱⁱ (x1), UCCD^{iv} (x1), AOC^v (x1), and GRAMA^{vi}/Press (0) monthly requests. Director provided an update on appointment pending of new Public Member, Linda Dunn, and work with Legislative Counsel on possible statutory changes regarding privacy of Commission records. Mr. Peterson provided an update on registration and travel for October Conference. A final copy of FY25 annual report was provided. The FY25 annual report will be published to the website with other changes such as updated dismissals with warning and commission membership.

4. Budget. Staff reported on the FY25 budget through June 30, 2025 with total expenditures of \$473,591. Prior year savings resulted in a carry forward balance of \$54,100. The JCC spent 70.9% of available funds through 100% of current FY. The projected remaining balance including balance from prior years is \$414,911. Director reported that \$350,000 will be retained as authorized non-lapsing balance and \$64,911 will lapse back to general fund.

5. Statistical Report.

Number of complaints filed to date in FY26	15
Number of cases pending before the Supreme Court	0
Number of cases under formal charges	3

Number of cases under full investigation	4
Number of cases under preliminary investigation	30
Total number of open files	37

Oldest Case 264 days
Average Case age 47 days

In FY26, zero (0) Public Actions and one (1) Dismissal with Warning has been issued. Five (5) reconsideration requests received to date.

It has been acknowledged that the greater public access to complaint forms via the online complaint portal starting in FY22 has resulted in a significant increased complaint case load with no similar increase in meritorious complaints submitted. Staff implemented a loading page for the online complaint portal to emphasize the correct way to file appeals.

6. Closure of Meeting via roll call vote.

Motion: Hon. Harris To close the meeting to the public for the purpose of discussing: the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; or investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct; or pending or reasonably imminent litigation; or matters covered by attorney client privilege.

Second: Rep. Miller

Vote: Unanimous By roll call

At the conclusion of the confidential portion of the meeting, the meeting was re-opened to the public.

7. **Next Meeting and other matters.** The Commissioners agreed to conduct a public meeting on 2 September at the anchor location at 11:00 am. The Chair approved Commissioner electronic attendance.

8. Adjournment.

Motion: Ms. Hayman To adjourn.

Second: Not required

Vote: Unanimous

ⁱ Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel / Center for Judicial Ethics

ⁱⁱ Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission

ⁱⁱⁱ Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

^{iv} Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy

^v Administrative Office of the Courts

^{vi} Government Records Access and Management Act

Tab 3



Alex G. Peterson
Executive Director

State of Utah

JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO Judicial Conduct Commissioners

FROM Alex G. Peterson

DATE 27 August 2025

RE Director's Report

MESSAGE

1. JCC staff activities that have occurred beyond investigative responsibilities since our last meeting.
2. Information requests regarding the JCC processes / organization:

AJDC / CJE - 2, JPEC - 0, judicial nominations / CCJJ - 1, UCCD - 2, AOC / judicial retirements - 0 and GRAMA / Press - 0.
3. Commissioner training remains scheduled for October 15-17 in Louisville, Kentucky. Continuing to work on hotel reservations, conference registrations, and travel requests. Linda Dunn was appointed as new public member.

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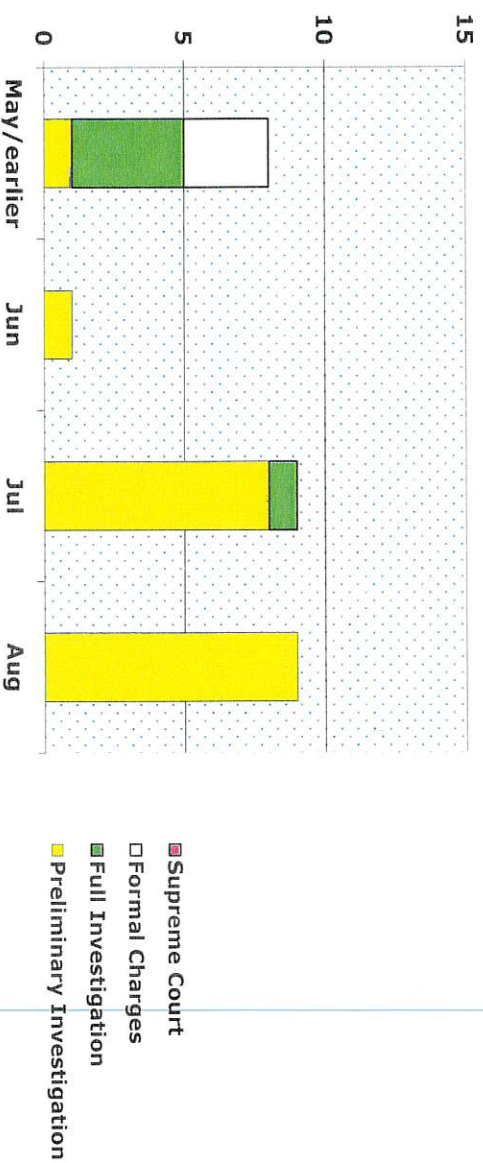
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FY 2026 Budget Report - Through July 31, 2025

Description	Amount	Balance
FY 2025 Legislative Appropriation	\$584,200	\$584,200
Estimated FY 2024 Savings Carried into FY 2025	\$350,000	\$934,200
FY 2024 Expenditures through July 31, 2025	\$13,580	920,620
Percent of Current Fiscal Year Passed as of July 31, 2025	8.0%	
Percent of Legislative Appropriation Spent as of July 31, 2025	2.3%	
Percent of Available Funds Spent as of July 31, 2025	1.5%	
Estimated Carry Over From Prior Years	\$350,000	
Projected Remaining Balance Excluding the Balance From Prior Years	TBD	
Authorized non-lapsing Balance	\$350,000	

Tab 5

PENDING CASES



	May/earlier	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
Preliminary Investigation	1	1	8	9	
Full Investigation	4	0	1	0	
Formal Charges	3	0	0	0	
Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	
Total	8	1	9	9	27 In Process

New Complaints Received Since 8/5/2025 **4**
Net Increase/Decrease Since 8/5/2025 **10**

Oldest Case / Goal / Previous **274 days / 180 days / 264 days**
Ave. Case age / Goal / Previous **62.5 days / 90 days / 47 days**
Supreme Court & Formal Charges cases excluded

FY 26 to date
Total FY 24/FY 25/**FY 26** complaints 183/197/ **25**
Total Reconsideration Requests FY25 / **FY26** 28/ **11**
Total DWW FY25/**FY26** 5 / **1**
Total Public Actions FY25/**FY26** 0/ **0**