

AGENDA

JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, 7 October 2025
3:00 p.m.

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

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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.

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Tab 2

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

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

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Meeting was conducted at anchor location

Present:

Ms. Cheylynn Hayman, Chair
Rep. Grant Miller
Rep. Jordan Teuscher
Sen. Jen Plumb (video)
Hon. Michael Edwards
Mr. Stephen Studdert (video)
Ms. Georgia Thompson (video)

Excused:

Ms. Michele Ballantyne
Sen. Brady Brammer
Hon. Ryan Harris

Staff:

Alex Peterson
Aimee Thoman
Joe McGivern

Guests / Public:

Ms. Linda Dunn

1. Welcome. Chair called the meeting to order. Welcomed Ms. Linda Dunn proposed new public member. Public comment allowed, none was given.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Motion: Ms. Thompson To approve the minutes of the public portion of the 5 August 2025 meeting.

Second: Mr. Studdert
Vote: Unanimous

3. Director's Report. Mr. Peterson reviewed the Director's Report, updating the Commission on AJDC / CJEⁱ (x2), JPECⁱⁱ (x0), CCJJⁱⁱⁱ (x1), UCCD^{iv} (x2), AOC^v (x0), and GRAMA^{vi}/Press (0) monthly requests. Ms. Linda Dunn as the new public member introduced herself. Mr. Peterson provided an update on registration and travel for October Conference. Ms. Thoman reported on UCCD visit and invited Commissioners to attend next visit scheduled for 12 September.

4. Budget. Staff reported on the FY25 budget through July 31, 2025 with total expenditures of \$13,580. Prior year savings and legislative additions to budget resulted in a carry forward balance of \$350,000. The JCC spent 1.5% of available funds through 8% of current FY. The projected remaining balance including balance from prior years was to be determined.

5. Statistical Report.

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| Number of complaints filed to date in FY26 | 25 |
| Number of cases pending before the Supreme Court | 0 |
| Number of cases under formal charges | 3 |
| Number of cases under full investigation | 5 |
| Number of cases under preliminary investigation | 19 |
| Total number of open files | 27 |

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| Oldest Case | 274 days |
| Average Case age | 62.5 days |

In FY26, zero (0) Public Actions and one (1) Dismissal with Warning has been issued. Eleven (11) 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: Rep. Miller 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: Hon. Edwards

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 7 October 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



State of Utah

JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO Judicial Conduct Commissioners

FROM Alex G. Peterson

DATE 1 October 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 - 1, JPEC - 0, judicial nominations / CCJJ - 1, UCCD - 0, AOC / judicial retirements - 0 and GRAMA / Press - 0.

3. Aimee and Alex supported a UCCD visit from Africa. Commissioner training remains scheduled for October 15-17 in Louisville, Kentucky. Hotel reservations, conference registrations, and travel requests completed.

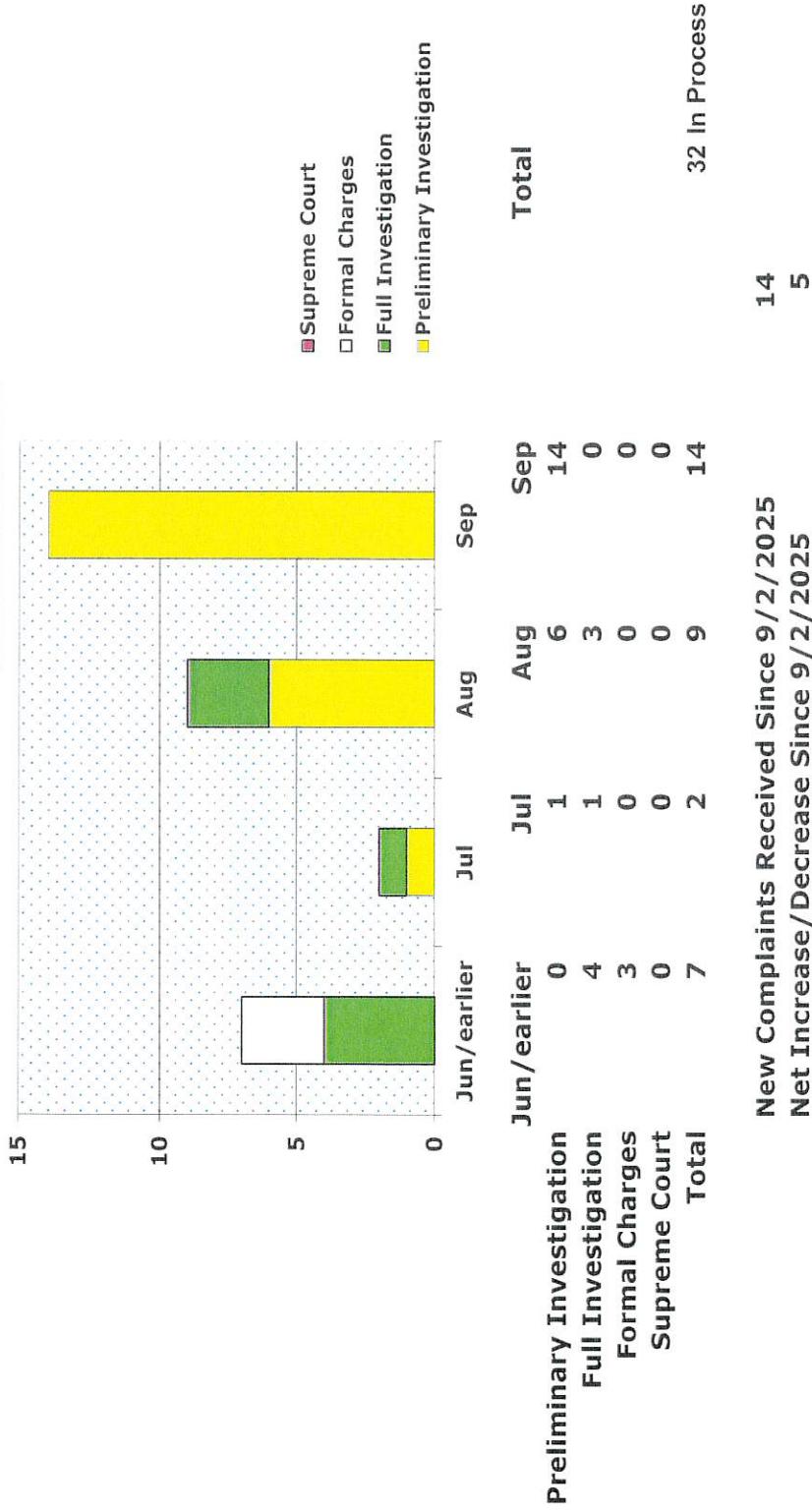
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FY 2026 Budget Report - Through September 30, 2025

| Description | Amount | Balance |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| FY 2026 Legislative Appropriation | \$584,200 | \$584,200 |
| Estimated FY 2025 Savings Carried into FY 2026 | \$350,000 | \$934,200 |
| FY 2025 Expenditures through September 30, 2025 | \$118,988 | 815,212 |
| Percent of Current Fiscal Year Passed as of September 30, 2025 | 16.0% | |
| Percent of Legislative Appropriation Spent as of September 30, 2025 | 20.4% | |
| Percent of Available Funds Spent as of September 30, 2025 | 12.7% | |
| 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



Oldest Case / Goal / Previous

Ave. Case age / Goal / Previous

Supreme Court & Formal Charges cases excluded

FY 26 to date

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| Total FY 24/FY 25/FY 26 complaints | 183/197/ 41 |
| Total Reconsideration Requests FY25 / FY26 | 28/ 13 |
| Total DWW FY25/FY26 | 5 / 1 |
| Total Public Actions FY25/FY26 | 0/ 0 |