

## **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**

<b>NO.</b>	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>REPORTING</b>	<b>TAB</b>
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
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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.***

# Tab 2

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

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

**Judicial Conduct Commission  
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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 / CJE<sup>i</sup> (x2), JPEC<sup>ii</sup> (x0), CCJJ<sup>iii</sup> (x1), UCCD<sup>iv</sup> (x2), AOC<sup>v</sup> (x0), and GRAMA<sup>vi</sup>/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 |

**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.**

<b>Motion:</b>	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.
<b>Second:</b>	Hon. Edwards	
<b>Vote:</b>	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.**

<b>Motion:</b>	Ms. Hayman	To adjourn.
<b>Second:</b>	Not required	
<b>Vote:</b>	Unanimous	

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<sup>i</sup> Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel / Center for Judicial Ethics

<sup>ii</sup> Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission

<sup>iii</sup> Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

<sup>iv</sup> Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy

<sup>v</sup> Administrative Office of the Courts

<sup>vi</sup> Government Records Access and Management Act

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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** 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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GRAMA is the Government Records Access and Management Act

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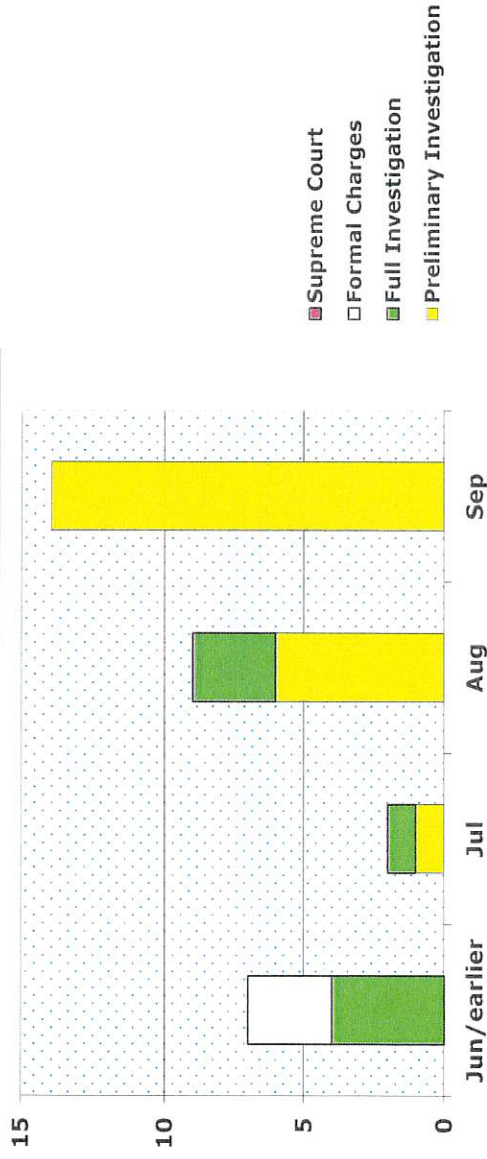
FY 2026 Budget Report - Through September 30, 2025

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



Preliminary Investigation	0	1	6	14	
Full Investigation	4	1	3	0	
Formal Charges	3	0	0	0	
Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>32 In Process</b>
New Complaints Received Since 9/2/2025					14
Net Increase/Decrease Since 9/2/2025					5

**Oldest Case / Goal / Previous**      309 days / 180 days / 274 days  
**Ave. Case age / Goal / Previous**      58 days / 90 days / 62.5 days  
 Supreme Court & Formal Charges cases excluded

<b>FY 26 to date</b>		
<b>Total FY 24/FY 25/FY 26 complaints</b>	183/197/ 41	
<b>Total Reconsideration Requests FY25 / FY26</b>	28/ 13	
<b>Total DWW FY25/FY26</b>	5 / 1	
<b>Total Public Actions FY25/FY26</b>	0/ 0	