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MEMORANDUM

TO Judicial Conduct Commissioners

FROM Alex Peterson

DATE 6 November 2025

RE Packet for 10 November (Monday) In-person and / or virtual meeting

MESSAGE The meeting will be held in-person at our anchor location (1385 S. State Street) and a virtual option (on Google Meet) will be available for Commissioners. Public will be invited via our Agenda which is posted on the State Public Notices website.

Meeting will begin at 11:00 am start time.

Per Utah Rules R595-1-5, the Chair approved in advance Commissioner attendance by videoconferencing. You will be provided a video link or are welcome to attend person.

Tab 1

AGENDA

JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, 10 November 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	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.

Tab 2

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

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

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

Meeting was conducted at anchor location

Present:

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

Excused:

Ms. Michele Ballantyne

Staff:

Alex Peterson
Aimee Thoman
Joe McGivern

Guests / Public:

None.

1. Welcome. Chair called the meeting to order. Hon. Edwards administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Linda Dunn as the new public member Commissioner. Public comment allowed, none was given.

2. Approval of Minutes.

Motion: Hon. Edwards To approve the minutes of the public portion of the 2 September 2025 meeting.

Second: Ms. Dunn

Vote: Unanimous

3. Director's Report. Mr. Peterson reviewed the Director's Report, updating the Commission on AJDC / CJEⁱ (x1), JPECⁱⁱ (x0), CCJJⁱⁱⁱ (x1), UCCD^{iv} (x0), AOC^v (x0), and GRAMA^{vi}/Press (0) monthly requests. Staff reported on UCCD visit. Mr. Peterson confirmed registration and travel for October Conference.

4. Budget. Staff reported on the FY25 budget through September 30, 2025 with total expenditures of \$118,988. Prior year savings and legislative additions to budget resulted in a carry forward balance of \$350,000. The JCC spent 12.7% of available funds through 16% of current FY. The projected remaining balance including balance from prior years was to be determined.

5. Statistical Report.

Number of complaints filed to date in FY26	41
Number of cases pending before the Supreme Court	0
Number of cases under formal charges	3
Number of cases under full investigation	8

Number of cases under preliminary investigation	21
Total number of open files	32
Oldest Case	309 days
Average Case age	58 days
In FY26, zero (0) Public Actions and one (1) Dismissal with Warning has been issued.	
Thirteen (13) 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. Edwards 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 10 November 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



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RE Director's Report

MESSAGE

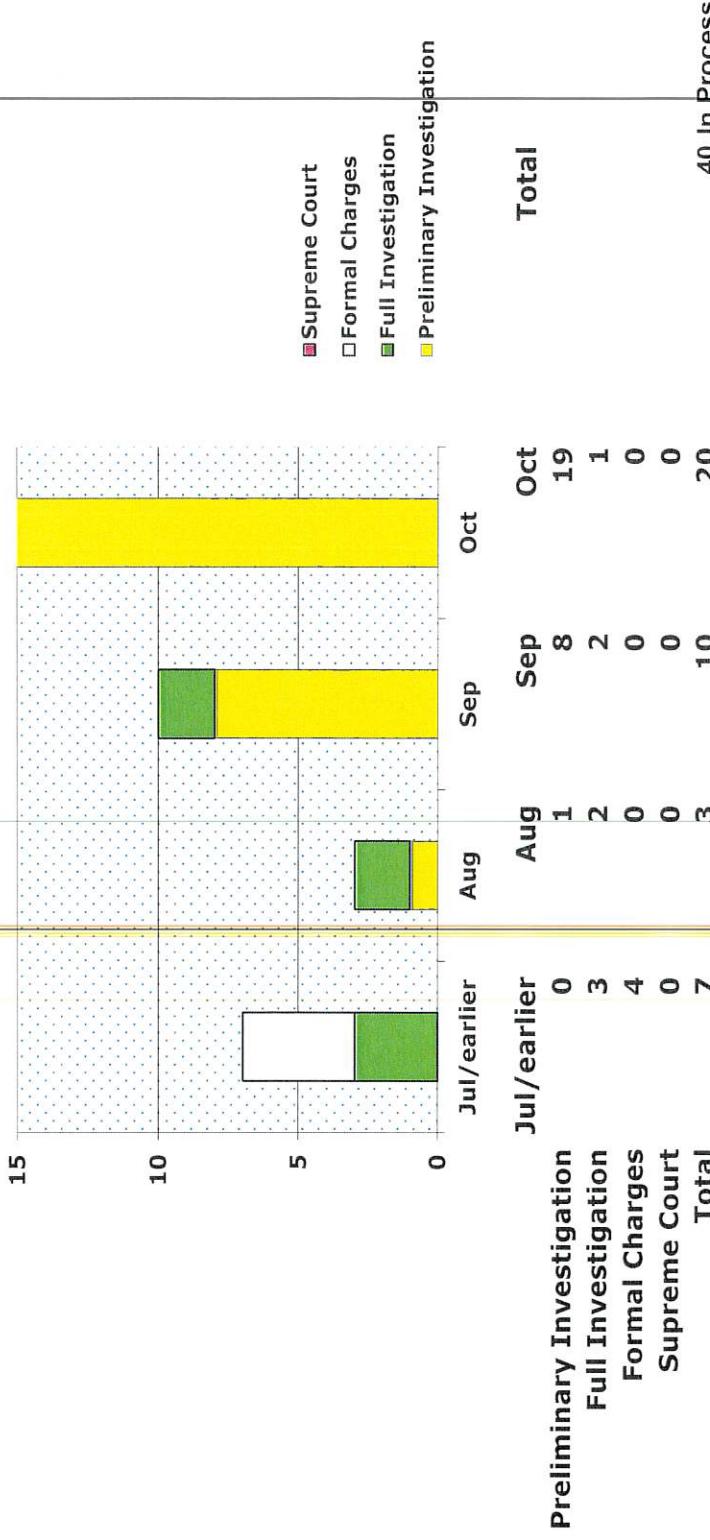
1. JCC staff activities that have occurred beyond investigative responsibilities since our last meeting.
2. Information requests regarding the JCC processes / organization:
AJDC / CJE - 7, JPEC - 0, judicial nominations / CCJJ - 1, UCCD - 0, AOC / judicial retirements - 0 and GRAMA / Press - 3.
3. Commissioner and staff training conducted by National Center for State Courts / Center for Judicial Ethics on October 15-17 in Louisville, Kentucky. Staff working on travel claims for legislators and public members. Staff has transferred funds for Judicial members.
4. Director met with Prosecutorial Conduct Commission Director, Bud Powell. Website updates completed.

Tab 4

FY 2026 Budget Report - Through October 31, 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 October 31, 2025	\$159,464	774,736
Percent of Current Fiscal Year Passed as of October 31, 2025	33.3%	
Percent of Legislative Appropriation Spent as of October 31, 2025	27.3%	
Percent of Available Funds Spent as of October 31, 2025	17.1%	
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



New Complaints Received Since 10/7/2025 18
Net Increase/Decrease Since 10/7/2025 8

343 days / 180 days / 309 days
53 days / 90 days / 58 days

Oldest Case / Goal / Previous
Ave. Case age / Goal / Previous
Supreme Court & Formal Charges cases excluded

FY 26 to date
Total FY 24/FY 25/FY 26 complaints 183/197/ 65
Total Reconsideration Requests FY25 / FY26 28/ 13
Total DWW FY25/FY26 5 / 2
Total Public Actions FY25/FY26 0/ 0