

## **AGENDA**

### **JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION MEETING**

**Tuesday, 02 December 2025  
11:00 a.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	Chair	1
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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**

**Monday, 10 November 2025 at 11:00 a.m.**

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

**Meeting was conducted at anchor location**

**Present:**

Ms. Cheylynn Hayman Chair  
Ms. Michele Ballantyne Vice-Chair  
Sen. Brady Brammer (video)  
Sen. Jen Plumb (video)  
Hon. Michael Edwards (video)  
Hon. Ryan Harris  
Mr. Stephen Studdert  
Ms. Georgia Thompson (video)  
Ms. Linda Dunn

**Excused:**

Rep. Grant Miller  
Rep. Jordan Teuscher

**Staff:**

Alex Peterson  
Aimee Thoman  
Joe McGivern  
Cynthia Cowles

**Guests / Public:**

Bud Powell

- 1. Welcome.** Vice-Chair called the meeting to order. Public comment allowed, none was given. Mr. Bud Powell, Ex. Dir. of Utah Prosecutor Conduct Commission was present.

**2. Approval of Minutes.**

**Motion:** Ms. Thompson To approve the minutes of the public portion of the 7 October 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> (x7), JPEC<sup>ii</sup> (x0), CCJJ<sup>iii</sup> (x1), UCCD<sup>iv</sup> (x0), AOC<sup>v</sup> (x0), and GRAMA<sup>vi</sup>/Press (3) monthly requests. Staff reported on October Judicial Ethics Conference, travel claims, and likely future conferences. Mr. Powell was introduced and welcomed. Staff provided an update on website changes.
- 4. Budget.** Staff reported on the FY25 budget through September 30, 2025 with total expenditures of \$159,464. Prior year savings and legislative additions to budget resulted in a carry forward balance of \$350,000. The JCC spent 17.1% of available funds through 16% of current FY. Staff reported Mr. McGivern hiring to full-time, impact on budget from travel and special hearing, and potential for a legislative budget cut.
- 5. Statistical Report.**
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| Number of complaints filed to date in FY26       | 65 |
| Number of cases pending before the Supreme Court | 0  |
| Number of cases under formal charges             | 4  |
| Number of cases under full investigation         | 8  |
| Number of cases under preliminary investigation  | 28 |

	Total number of open files	40
<b>Oldest Case</b>		343 days
<b>Average Case age</b>		53 days

In FY26, zero (0) Public Actions and two (2) Dismissal with Warnings 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:** Ms. Ballantyne 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. Harris

**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 December 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

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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

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** 25 November 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 - 0, JPEC - 0, judicial nominations / CCJJ - 0, UCCD - 0, AOC / judicial retirements - 1 and GRAMA / Press - 1.
3. Director working on travel claims for attorney and public members. Director transferred funds for Judicial members and completed legislator travel claims.
4. Director worked with budget analyst to reduce next year budget requests. Director purchased updated software for staff per DTS requirements. Part-time judicial investigator position was transitioned to full-time.

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GRAMA is the Government Records Access and Management Act

Tab 4



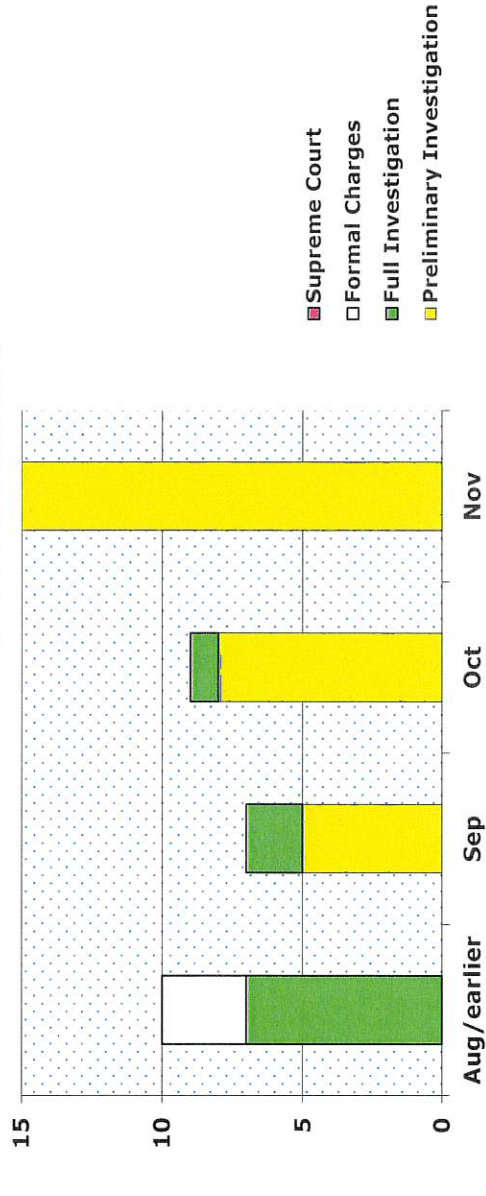
FY 2026 Budget Report - Through October 31, 2025		
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Description	Amount	Balance
FY 2026 Legislative Appropriation	\$584,200	\$584,200
Estimated FY 2025 Savings Carried into FY 2026	\$350,000	\$934,200
FY 2025 Expenditures through October 31, 2025	\$159,464	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**



	Aug/earlier	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
Preliminary Investigation	0	5	8	15	
Full Investigation	7	2	1	0	
Formal Charges	3	0	0	0	
Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	
Total	10	7	9	15	41 In Process

New Complaints Received Since 11/10/2025 6

Net Increase/Decrease Since 11/10/2025 1

Oldest Case / Goal / Previous 365 days / 180 days / 343 days

Ave. Case age / Goal / Previous 84 days / 90 days / 53 days

Supreme Court & Formal Charges cases excluded

**FY 26 to date**

Total FY 24/FY 25/FY 26 complaints 183/197/ 76

Total Reconsideration Requests FY25 / FY26 28/ 13

Total DWV FY25/FY26 5 / 2

Total Public Actions FY25/FY26 0/ 0