

AGENDA

JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday, 06 January 2026
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
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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**

Monday, 2 December 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

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Meeting was conducted at anchor location

Present:

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

Excused:

Ms. Michele Ballantyne Vice-Chair
Hon. Ryan Harris

Staff:

Alex Peterson
Aimee Thoman
Joe McGivern

Guests / Public:

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

2. Approval of Minutes.

Motion: Sen. Brammer To approve the minutes of the public portion of the 10 November 2025 meeting.

Second: Ms. Dunn
Vote: Unanimous

3. Director's Report. Mr. Peterson reviewed the Director's Report, updating the Commission on AJDC / CJEⁱ (x0), JPECⁱⁱ (x0), CCJJⁱⁱⁱ (x0), UCCD^{iv} (x0), AOC^v (x1), and GRAMA^{vi}/Press (1) monthly requests. Staff reported on October Judicial Ethics Conference travel claims. Director provided an update on budget, software purchases, and transition of Judicial Investigator to full-time position.

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.

5. Statistical Report.

Number of complaints filed to date in FY26	76
Number of cases pending before the Supreme Court	0
Number of cases under formal charges	3
Number of cases under full investigation	10
Number of cases under preliminary investigation	28
Total number of open files	41

Oldest Case	365 days
Average Case age	84 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:	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:	Sen. Brammer	
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 6 January 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 29 December 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 - 3, UCCD - 0, AOC / judicial retirements - 0 and GRAMA / Press - 0.
3. Director submitted draft travel claims for attorney and public member.
4. Director worked with legislator budget analyst to reduce next year's budget requests. Director worked with AOC and legislative staff on update to statute (submitting complaints process and confidentiality).

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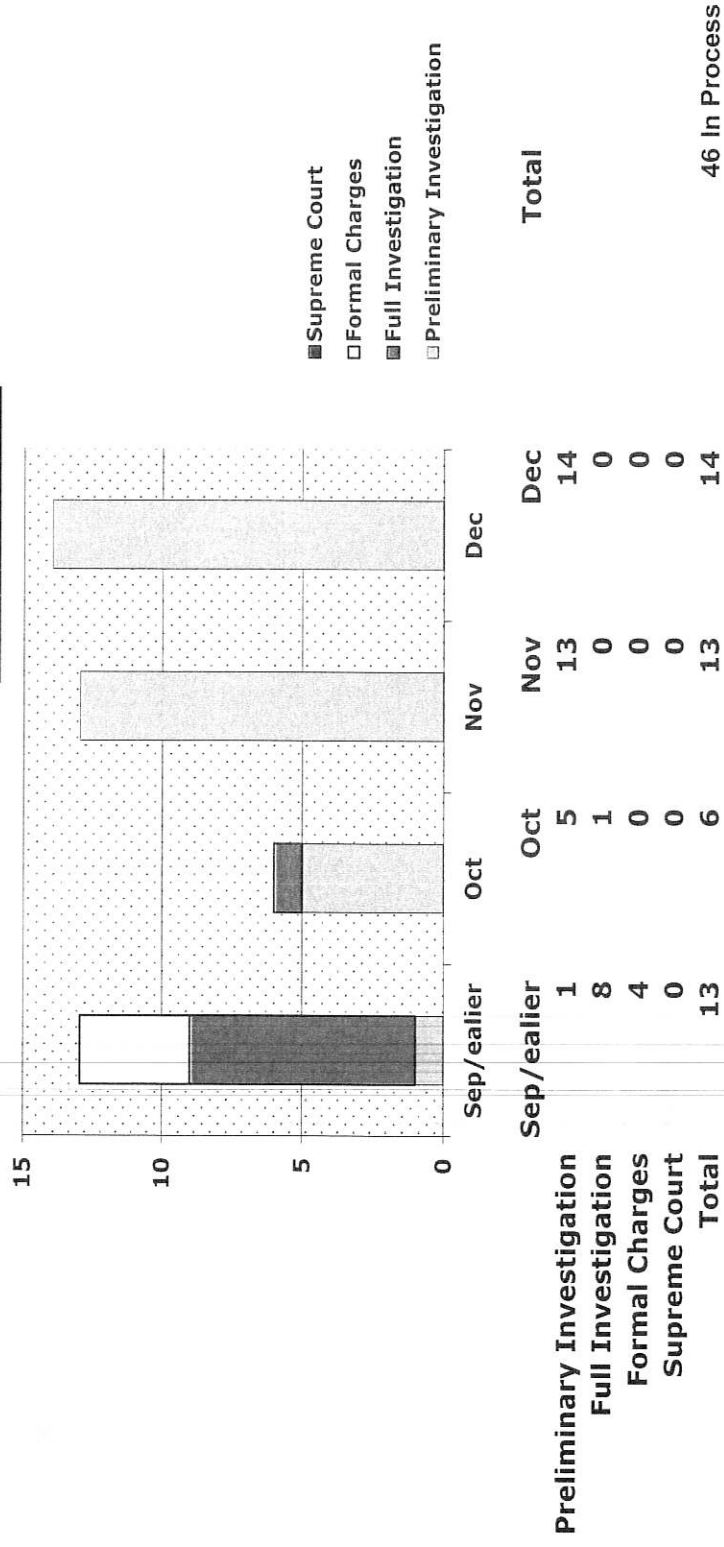
Tab 4

FY 2026 Budget Report - Through November 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 November 30, 2025	TBD	#VALUE!
Percent of Current Fiscal Year Passed as of November 30, 2025	45.4%	
Percent of Legislative Appropriation Spent as of November 30, 2025	#VALUE!	
Percent of Available Funds Spent as of November 30, 2025	#VALUE!	
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 12/02/2025 11
 Net Increase/Decrease Since 12/02/2025 5

Oldest Case / Goal / Previous 305 days / 180 days / 365 days
Ave. Case age / Goal / Previous 72 days / 90 days / 84 days
 Supreme Court & Formal Charges cases excluded

FY 26 to date
Total FY 24/FY 25/FY 26 complaints 183/197/ 93
Total Reconsideration Requests FY25 / FY26 28/ 15
Total DWW FY25/FY26 5 / 2
Total Public Actions FY25/FY26 0/ 0