

## 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**

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

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

**Monday, 2 December 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  
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 / CJE<sup>i</sup> (x0), JPEC<sup>i</sup> (x0), CCJJ<sup>iii</sup> (x0), UCCD<sup>iv</sup> (x0), AOC<sup>v</sup> (x1), and GRAMA<sup>vi</sup>/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

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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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# State of Utah

## JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION

Alex G. Peterson  
Executive Director

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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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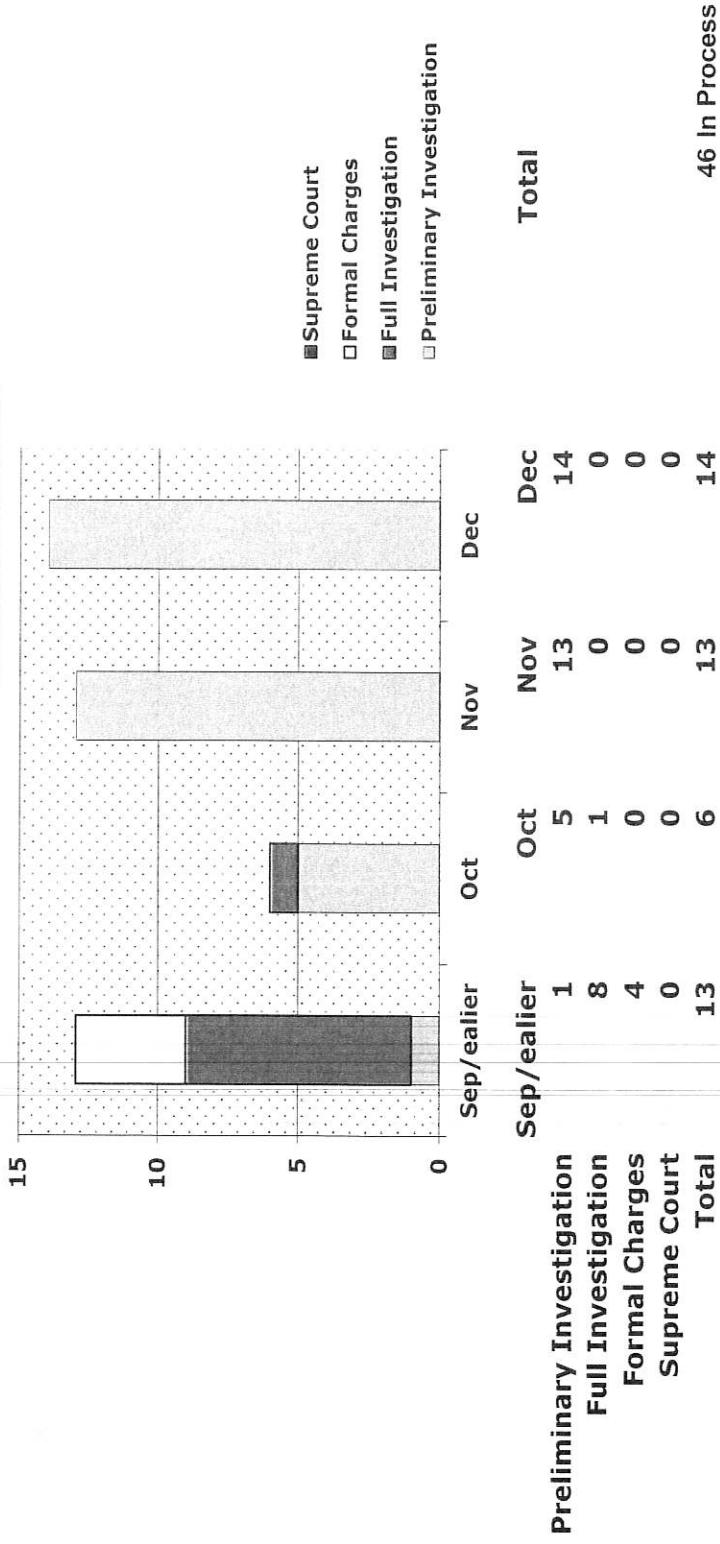
## FY 2026 Budget Report - Through November 30, 2025

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	

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## PENDING CASES



New Complaints Received Since 12/02/2025  
Net Increase/Decrease Since 12/02/2025

11  
5

305 days / 180 days / 365 days  
72 days / 90 days / 84 days

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

**FY 26 to date**

Category	Count	YTD Total
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