

| CCJJ COMMISSION MINUTES – PENDING APPROVAL | |
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| Committee | Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice |
| Date | Monday, January 12th, 2026 |
| Time | 12 PM – 2 PM |
| Location | Hybrid Zoom Virtual meeting – CCJJ Large Conference |
| Members Present | <p><u>In-Person Attendance:</u> Michael Dreschel (for Ron Gordon), Rebecca Brown (for Jared Garcia), Commissioner Beau Mason, Stewart Young, Blake Hills, Pam Vickrey, Daniel Meza (JJOC), Chief Sol Oberg, Richard Muaro, Ryan Robinson, Tom Ross, April Graham</p> <p><u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Chief Craig Black, Sheriff Chad Jensen</p> |
| Staff & Visitors | <p><u>Staff:</u> Danica Bodley, Elizabeth Klc, Dan Strong, Van Nguyen, Bud Powell (virtual), Tiffany Nguyen (virtual), Rachelle Hill (virtual), Meryam Al-Barkawi (virtual), Kara Hetrick (virtual), Marlesse Jones (virtual), Ben Peterson (virtual), Angelo Perillo (virtual), Richard Ziebarth (virtual), Morgan Williams (virtual), Niyo Aimable (virtual), John Draney (virtual), Matthew Barraza</p> <p><u>Visitors:</u> Brittany Karzen, Felix Espinoza (virtual), Carl Hollan, Makenna Ard (virtual), Sebastian Green (virtual), Erin Jemison (virtual), Brent Jex (virtual), Martin Munoz (virtual), Rep. Shepherd</p> |
| Agenda Item | Welcome and Approval of Meeting Minutes – <i>Sheriff Chad Jensen, Commission Chair</i> |
| Notes | <p>Sheriff Chad Jensen brings the commission meeting into session.</p> <p>The commission reviewed the previous meeting minutes from Thursday, December 11th, 2025.</p> <p>Motion: Pam Vickrey motions for the commission to approve the minutes as presented. Richard Mauro seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> |
| Agenda Item | Subscribing to the CCJJ Public Notice – <i>Danica Bodley, Executive Assistant</i> |
| Notes | <p>The Commission is consolidating its email notification list, which had grown to over 250 recipients, many of whom are no longer active.</p> <p>Direct calendar invites will be restricted to commission members and their designated proxies. All other interested parties must subscribe via the Utah Public Notice Website (utah.gov/pmn). Notifications are posted at least 24 hours in advance of meetings.</p> <p>During the legislative session, meetings are generally held Mondays from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, with exceptions for holidays (Martin Luther King Jr. Day and President's Day), when meetings move to Tuesdays.</p> |
| Agenda Item | JAG Funding Recommendation – <i>Morgan Williams, Grant Program Manager</i> |
| Notes | <p>Morgan Williams presented a critical funding request for the Utah Prosecution Council (UPC). The amount granted would be \$485,000. It would be for at least 300 "e-prosecutor" licenses and associated personnel costs. The traditional NARP (National Instant Background Check Records Improvement Program) funding is currently delayed at the federal level. E-prosecutor is a case management system tracking criminal cases from initiation through appeal. It is the final link in the HB 403 project, which connects law enforcement, courts, and corrections data state-wide.</p> <p>Tom Ross noted that the system is currently "80% connected," and delaying this funding would stall the entire state-wide data integration effort.</p> <p>Motion: Sheriff Chad Jensen motions for the commission to support and approve the grant as presented. Richard Mauro seconds the motion. The motion passed.</p> <p>Abstention(s): Two (2) Abstentions; Stewart Young, Ryan Robinson</p> |

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| Agenda Item | Child Suicide Amendments Bill Feedback – Rep. Shepherd and Brent Jex |
| Notes | <p>Representative Lisa Shepherd and Brent Jex present House Bill 138: Child Suicide Amendments, for feedback from the commission.</p> <p>Addresses cases where repeated child abuse leads to the suicide of a minor. Proponents cited a Nebraska Supreme Court case upholding similar charges based on "proximate cause."</p> <p>While supportive, members expressed a need to ensure the language does not inadvertently prevent defendants from arguing against causation.</p> <p>Motion: Sheriff Chad Jensen motions for the commission to <u>support in concept</u> for House Bill 138. Stewart Young seconds the motion. The motion passed.</p> <p>Abstention(s): One (1) Abstention; Michael Dreschel (for Ron Gordon)</p> |
| Agenda Item | 2026 Legislative Session Bill Review and Vote |
| Notes | <p>The Commission reviewed several high-priority bills, establishing positions based on legal clarity, public safety, and administrative feasibility.</p> <p>Van Nguyen reviewed the voting procedures for the commission. To manage the high volume of legislation, the Commission will utilize a Consent List. Criteria for the consent list bills consist of having minor substitute changes or maintaining previous Commission positions will be placed on the consent list to be voted on en masse. Any member can request to pull a bill from the consent list for individual discussion.</p> <p>Voting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting must be done in person/online, meaning no text or email voting is acceptable • Only member/or designee votes count • If abstention votes outnumber votes in favor, the motion fails <p>Quorum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roll-call vote to be taken on first item to establish quorum and on any subsequent item if not unanimous • A quorum of at least half the body of the commission must be present for a vote to carry (17 members so 9 = quorum) • A member must inform the Chair/Director BEFORE the meeting by email of their designee (where allowed by statute) <p>Motions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion must receive a second in support before it can be voted on • If the subsequent motion is made before a vote on the first motion, then the subsequent motion must be resolved before the first motion can be addressed • The first motion becomes moot and no longer considered if the subsequent motion carries. • If both motions fail, then a new motion can be entertained. <p>Motion Process</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Motion made 2. Motion seconded 3. Public comment (if not already heard) 4. Request for opposition or abstention and the same is noted <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A vote with more than one opposition or abstention should go to a roll call vote |

5. Vote
6. Outcome: Motion carries as 'position' on 'bill' OR Motion fails

Positions

- **Priority Support** - Strong backing for an essential proposal, encouraging its passage
- **Support** - General approval of a proposal with no concern
- **Support in Concept** - Agreement with the idea but some parts of the bill need further clarification/follow-up
- **Hold** - More information and clarification/follow-up needed
- **No Position** - No formal stance or opinion on the issue
- **Oppose** - Major concerns and disagreement with the proposal
- **Beyond Scope** - Outside the focus of the Commission, not related to criminal/juvenile justice

HB0024 Criminal Penalty Amendments

Reduces certain traffic offenses (minor speeding in school zones) to infractions and merges "no proof of insurance" statutes.

Amendments are needed to address scenarios where an owner gives permission for another to drive an uninsured vehicle.

Motion: Sheriff Chad Jensen motions for the commission to support in concept for House Bill 24. Stewart Young seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB0034 Victim Rights Amendments

Motion: Commissioner Beau Mason motions for the commission to support House Bill 34. Chief Sol Oberg seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jared Garcia has joined the meeting (Rebecca Brown no longer acting as proxy for the meeting (UDC))

HB0113 Emergency Reporting Abuse Amendments

The bill proposes increasing penalties for abusing 911 services, moving to a third-degree felony for repeat offenders.

Discussion highlighted that many individuals committing these acts are unhoused or severely mentally ill. Some commission members argued for Class A misdemeanor status to keep cases in District Court where mental health specialty courts exist, rather than Justice Courts.

Held to allow for consultation with the sponsor regarding alternative diversion programs like Salt Lake City's "Familiar Faces" initiative.

Motion: Richard Mauro motions for the commission to place a hold on House Bill 113 for further discussion and action. Pam Vickrey seconds the motion. The motion passed.

Opposition(s): One (1) Oppositions; Chief Craig Black

HB0114 Adult Oriented Performance Amendments

Motion: Tom Ross motions for the commission to support House Bill 114. Pam Vickrey seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB0158 Unlawful Tracking Amendments

Expands the prohibition of tracking devices to include personal property (purses, gym bags) and mobile applications.

Members raised concerns regarding "implied consent" in domestic relationships and how permission is officially revoked (e.g., at the time of filing for divorce).

Held for clarification on the definition of "revoking consent" and how the law applies to parental tracking of minors.

Motion: Richard Mauro motions for the commission to hold on House Bill 158 for further discussion and action. Stewart Young seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

HB0220 Public Safety Data Amendments

An "omnibus" data bill requiring various reports (sexual assault data, prosecutor complaints) to be uploaded to the Public Safety Data Portal managed by CCJJ.

Michael Drechsel suggested narrowing the definition of a "criminal justice researcher" to align with existing security protocols and CCJJ Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs). While the bill encourages transparency, the Commission noted the potential for future costs related to automated data pulling and staffing.

Motion: Richard Mauro motions for the commission to support in concept for House Bill 220. Stewart Young seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB0221 Coercion Amendments

Motion: Stewart Young motions for the commission to support House Bill 221. Sheriff Chad Jensen seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HCR002 Concurrent Resolution Authorizing Adult Sentencing and Supervision Length Guidelines and Juvenile Disposition Guidelines

Motion: Pam Vickrey motions for the commission to priority support House Concurrent Resolution 02. Richard Mauro seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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| Agenda Item | Other Business |
| Notes | No other business was addressed. |
| Agenda Item | Public Comment |
| Notes | Public comment time was given but none was addressed. |
| Agenda Item | Adjourn |
| Notes | Motion: Richard Mauro motions for the commission to adjourn. Ryan Robinson seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The commission adjourns. |

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| | <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20th, 2026 from Noon-2 PM. Location: <u>Anchor Location</u>: CCJJ Offices Zoom link: meet.google.com/tse-fehc-xdq</p> |
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