

## CCJJ COMMISSION MINUTES – APPROVED

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice</b>
<b>Date</b>	Monday, February 9th, 2026
<b>Time</b>	12 PM – 2 PM
<b>Location</b>	Hybrid Zoom Virtual meeting – CCJJ Large Conference
<b>Members Present</b>	<p><u>In-Person Attendance</u>: Michael Dreschel (for Ron Gordon), Mike Schoenfeld (for Jared Garcia), Commissioner Beau Mason, Stewart Young, Sheriff Chad Jensen, Blake Hills, Pam Vickrey, Daniel Meza (JJOC), Steven Burton (for Richard Mauro), Ryan Robinson, Mark Moffat, Tom Ross, Chief Craig Black</p> <p><u>Virtual Attendance</u>: Eric Tadehara (for Tracey Gruber), Chief Sol Oberg, Amanda Bollinger, Judge Jeremiah Humes</p>
<b>Staff &amp; Visitors</b>	<p><u>Staff</u>: Danica Bodley, Elizabeth Klc, Dan Strong, Van Nguyen, Dr. Michele Leslie, Morgan Williams (virtual), Adrienne Buhler (virtual), Matthew Barraza (virtual), Kara Hetrick (virtual)</p> <p><u>Visitors</u>: Brett Robinson, Kim Gibb (virtual), Chief Brian Gwilliam (virtual), Brittany Karzen, Amanda Martin (virtual), Hannah Gorski (virtual), Carl Hollan, Albert Cramer (virtual)</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Welcome and Approval of Meeting Minutes – <i>Sheriff Chad Jensen, Commission Chair</i></b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Sheriff Chad Jensen brings the commission meeting into session.</p> <p>The commission reviewed the previous meeting minutes from February 2nd, 2026.</p> <p><b>Motion</b>: Pam Vickrey motions for the commission to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Beau Mason seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>JAG Grant Approval (Victim Notification) – <i>Morgan Williams, Program Manager</i></b>
	<p>The Commission approved a \$156,300 JAG grant to provide funding for VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday).</p> <p>VINE serves as Utah’s automated notification service, providing victims with real-time custody status of offenders in prisons and jails. This funding ensures continuous coverage for the Utah Department of Public Safety (DPS) while the state transitions toward a more robust, long-term notification system.</p> <p><b>Motion</b>: Pam Vickrey motions for the commission to approve the JAG Grant as presented. Stewart Young seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><i>Chief Craig Black has joined the meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Mike Schoenfeld (for Jared Garcia) has joined the meeting.</i></p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>2026 Legislative Session Bill Review and Vote</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>The Commission reviewed the Consent List for week 4 of the 2026 Legislative Session.</p> <p><b>Motion</b>: Stewart Young motions for the commission to adopt the positions of the consent list for week four. Tom Ross seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The following sections detail the Commission's analysis of specific bills, organized by thematic impact on the criminal justice system.</p> <p><a href="#"><u>SB0210 Nicotine Amendments</u></a></p>

- *Updates Utah's regulation of tobacco, nicotine, and electronic cigarette products by increasing state licensing fees from \$30 (issuance) and \$20 (renewal) to \$250 per license, and by shortening license terms from three years to one year across cigarette, tobacco, nicotine, and electronic cigarette licenses.*
- *Repeals certain local health department inspection provisions related to electronic cigarette retailers while preserving authority for inspections, embargo of non-compliant products, and public reporting, and clarifies enforcement coordination among local health departments, the Attorney General, and the State Tax Commission.*
- *Redirects and expands the use of license fees, fines, and penalties to fund disposal of confiscated electronic cigarette products, additional law enforcement, youth prevention and cessation programs, and school-based prevention initiatives.*
- *Increase civil penalties and mandating license suspensions for repeated violations involving unlisted products, and escalates criminal penalties for offenses involving minors by elevating many violations from class C misdemeanors to class B or class A misdemeanors for repeat conduct.*

Elevates criminal penalties for offenses involving minors from Class C to Class B or A misdemeanors for repeat violations.

**Motion:** Commissioner Beau Mason motions for the commission to support in concept for Senate Bill 210 for further discussion and action. Sheriff Chad Jensen seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **HB0089 Use of Polygraph Amendments**

*Limits the use of a polygraph on a victim of a sexual offense by LE*

**Motion:** Sheriff Chad Jensen motions for the commission to support House Bill 89. Chief Craig Black seconds the motion. The motion **passed**. (14-2-1)

**Support(s):** Fourteen (14) Supports; Michael Dreschel (for Ron Gordon), Mike Schoenfeld (for Jared Garcia), Eric Tadehara (for Tracy Gruber), Commissioner Beau Mason, Stewart Young, Chief Craig Black, Sheriff Chad Jensen, Blake Hills, Pam Vickrey, Chief Sol Oberg, Ryan Robinson, Tom Ross, Amanda Bollinger, April Graham

**Opposition(s):** Two (2) Oppositions; Steve Burton (for Richard Mauro), Mark Moffat

**Abstention(s):** One (1) Abstention; Daniel Meza (JJOC)

Public Comment: (Vickie Bushman) "Just a public comment, I have emailed most of the criminal justice advocates to ask if polygraphs were used for victims and everyone that responds said that they do not use polygraphs and haven't for a long time. Polygraphs are not admissible in court."

#### **SB0233 Judicial Performance Evaluation Amendments**

*Requires JPEC Commission to allow a judge to appear and speak at a commission meeting; Requires surveys to include related parties; modifies the certification standards for judicial performance, including the certification standards for a justice of the Utah Supreme Court and a judge of the Utah Court of Appeals; allows a retention report on judicial performance to include the number of times that the judge has been overturned on appeal for an abuse of discretion for the current reporting period*

**Motion:** Mark Moffat motions for the commission to hold on Senate Bill 233 for further discussion and action. Chief Craig Black seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB0020S1 Correctional Facility Capacity Amendments**

*1st sub: Expands funding to be used toward Community Correctional Centers*

**Motion:** Tom Ross motions for the commission to support House Bill 20 Sub 01. Sheriff Chad Jensen seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SJR010 Joint Resolution Amending Court Rules Regarding Jury Selection**

*Amends Rule 17.5 of the Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure to address an exception for jury selection in a felony case;*

*Amends Rule 18 of the Utah Rules of Criminal Procedure to address jury selection in a felony case*

**Motion:** Tom Ross motions for the commission to hold on Senate Joint Resolution 10 for further discussion and action. Stewart Young seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**SJR001S1 Joint Resolution Amending Rules of Evidence Concerning Crimes or Other Acts**

*Amends Rule 404 of the Utah Rules of Evidence to address similar crimes in cases involving child molestation or sexual assault*

**Motion:** Steve Burton (for Richard Mauro) motioned for the commission to support in concept for Senate Joint Resolution 1 Sub 01 for further discussion and action. Stewart Young seconds the motion. The motion **passed**. (13-1-3)

**Support(s):** Thirteen (13) Supports; Mike Schoenfeld (for Jared Garcia), Eric Tadehara (for Tracy Gruber), Commissioner Beau Mason, Stewart Young, Chief Craig Black, Sheriff Chad Jensen, Blake Hills, Chief Sol Oberg, Ryan Robinson, Tom Ross, Amanda Bollinger, April Graham, Steve Burton (for Richard Mauro)

**Opposition(s):** One (1) Opposition; Mark Moffat

**Abstention(s):** Three (3) Abstentions; Michael Dreschel (for Ron Gordon), Pam Vickrey, Daniel Meza (JJOC)

**SB0092 Prosecution Amendments**

*Amends the prohibition on a subsequent prosecution, creating an exception allowing a subsequent homicide prosecution if an individual was previously prosecuted for an offense resulting in bodily injury to an individual and the individual later died as a proximate result of the injury, if the death occurred after the original prosecution resulted in a conviction, dismissal, or acquittal.*

**Motion:** Mark Moffat motions for the commission to support in concept for Senate Bill 92. Sheriff Chad Jensen seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**HB0274S1 Sentencing Amendments**

*1st sub: ►requires the Sentencing Commission to give consideration to certain objectives when determining a recommended sentence or supervision length for the adult sentencing and*

*supervision length guidelines; ▶requires the Sentencing Commission, before November 1, 2026, to revise and review the adult sentencing and supervision length guidelines for certain offenses; ▶addresses the factors and information that a sentencing court is required to consider when sentencing an individual*

Members expressed concern that the Sentencing Commission has been "attacked" for three consecutive years based on individual cases rather than systemic failures. There is a desire to reach a consensus that preserves a balance of voices while acknowledging the Legislature's prerogative to set policy.

**Motion:** Chief Craig Black motions for the commission to oppose House Bill 274 Sub 01. Mark Moffat seconds the motion. The motion was **withdrawn** by Chief Craig Black.

**Motion:** Steve Burton (for Richard Mauro) motions for the commission to hold (on the substitute draft) for House Bill 274 Sub 01. Ryan Robinson seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Public comment: (Erin Jemison) Erin Jemison expresses that she is tired of commissions and committees being switched around on "a whim". She would appreciate someone to point out to the legislature that no one is speaking for victims. She expresses frustration to hear about victims being used as a pawn for committee hearings.

***Sheriff Chad Jensen has left the meeting.***

- ***Tom Ross will take over the meeting as temporary Chair.***

#### **HB0289 Child Sexual Abuse Material Amendments**

*"Defines the term ""apparent child sexual abuse material"" to address material created or generated by artificial intelligence that depicts realistic minors*

*defines the term of ""obscene child sexual abuse material""*

*amends the definition of ""child sexual abuse material"" to remove artificially generated material*

*(line 1753) creates standalone offenses for:*

- *possession of apparent child sexual abuse material;*
- *distribution of apparent child sexual abuse material in certain circumstances; and*
- *producing, distributing, receiving, or possessing with intent to distribute, obscene child sexual abuse material*

*Adds above offense to background check process or individuals who can have Direct access to children or vulnerable adults"*

**Motion:** Commissioner Beau Mason motions for the commission to support House Bill 289. Mike Schoenfeld (for Jared Garcia) seconds the motion. The motion **passed**. (13-1-2)

	<p><b>Support(s):</b> Thirteen (13) Supports; Michael Dreschel (for Ron Gordon), Mike Schoenfeld (for Jared Garcia), Eric Tadehara (for Tracy Gruber), Commissioner Beau Mason, Stewart Young, Chief Craig Black, Blake Hills, Chief Sol Oberg, Ryan Robinson, Tom Ross, Amanda Bollinger, April Graham, Pam Vickrey</p> <p><b>Opposition(s):</b> One (1) Oppositions; Steve Burton (for Richard Mauro)</p> <p><b>Abstention(s):</b> Two (2) Abstentions; Daniel Meza (JJOC), Mark Moffat</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">HB0390S01 Veterans PTSD Clinical Research Amendments</a></u></b>  <i>This bill addresses psychedelic-assisted therapy for certain veterans.</i></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Tom Ross motions for the commission to have No Position for House Bill 390 Sub 01. The motion was not seconded.</p> <p>The commission decided to not add it to their tracking list and to move on.</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">HB123S01 Sex, Kidnap, and Child Abuse Offender Registration Amendments</a></u></b>  <i>Sub 1 changes bill name</i></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Mark Moffat motions for the commission to <u>support</u> House Bill 123 Sub 01. Commissioner Beau Mason seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Nathan Mutter requests for the commission to review Senate Bill 262.</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">SB262 Law Enforcement Usage of Unmarked Vehicles</a></u></b>  <i>prohibits an employee of a law enforcement agency from using an unmarked law enforcement vehicle to initiate a stop for certain traffic violations that are infractions</i></p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Chief Craig Black motions for the commission to <u>hold</u> on Senate Bill 262 for further discussion and action. Stewart Young seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Other Business</b>
<b>Notes</b>	No other business was addressed.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>
<b>Notes</b>	Public comment time was given but none was shared.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p><b>Motion:</b> Chief Craig Black motions for the commission to adjourn. Stewart Young seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>The commission adjourns.</b></p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 17th, 2026 from Noon-2 PM.  Location: <u>Anchor Location:</u> CCJJ Offices  Zoom link: <a href="https://meet.google.com/vgv-uohn-dpy">meet.google.com/vgv-uohn-dpy</a></p>
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