

CCJJ COMMISSION MINUTES – APPROVED

Committee	Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
Date	Tuesday, February 23rd, 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), Spencer Turley (for Jared Garcia), Tyler Kotter (for Commissioner Beau Mason), Stewart Young, Chief Craig Black, Sheriff Chad Jensen, Pam Vickrey, Richard Mauro, Ryan Robinson, Mark Moffat, Tom Ross</p> <p><u>Virtual Attendance</u>: Blake Hills, Sariah Donnahoo (JJOC), Chief Sol Oberg, Amanda Bollinger, April Graham, Judge Jeremiah Humes</p>
Staff & Visitors	<p><u>Staff</u>: Danica Bodley, Elizabeth Klc, Dan Strong, Van Nguyen, Dr. Michele Leslie, Brittany Karzen, Morgan Williams, Adrienne Buhler (virtual), Erica Wood (virtual), Tiffany Nguyen (virtual), Marlesse Jones (virtual), Matthew Barraza, Katie Fox (virtual), Chyleen Richey (virtual), Mei Xue (virtual), Adam Trupp (virtual), Rachelle Hill (virtual), Ken Matthews (virtual), Niyo Aimable (virtual)</p> <p><u>Visitors</u>: Kim Gibb (virtual), Josh Nemeth (virtual), Hannah Fleming (virtual), Brett Robinson, Amanda Martin (virtual), Chief Brian Gwilliam (virtual), Felix Espinoza (virtual), Leslie Howitt (virtual), Lukas Smith (virtual), Nathan Mutter, William Weatherford Clayton (virtual), Alexandra Allen (virtual), Max Pierce (virtual), Raechel Lizon (virtual)</p>
Agenda Item	Welcome and Approval of Meeting Minutes – <i>Sheriff Chad Jensen, Commission Chair</i>
Notes	<p>Tom Ross brings the commission meeting into session.</p> <p>The commission reviewed the previous meeting minutes from February 17th, 2026.</p> <p>Motion: Stewart Young motions for the commission to approve the minutes as presented. Chief Craig Black seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>
Agenda Item	2026 Legislative Session Bill Review and Vote
Notes	<p>The Commission reviewed the Consent List for week 6 of the 2026 Legislative Session.</p> <p>Stewart Young requests for Senate Bill 184S1 Post-Conviction Offense Amendments to be removed from the consent list for further discussion and action.</p> <p>House Bill 346 Sexual Abuse of a Child Amendments will remain on the consent list.</p> <p>Motion: Tom Ross motions for the commission to adopt the positions of the consent list for week six as presented. Spencer Turley (for Jared Garcia) seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) convened to review and vote on critical legislation for the 2026 Legislative Session</p> <p><u>SB184S2 Post-Conviction Offense Amendments</u></p> <p><i>Sub 1 provides that a court may enter a judgment of conviction for a lower degree of offense than established by statute if a defendant, within one year after sentencing, provides substantial assistance in the criminal investigation, arrest, or prosecution of another individual</i></p>

Motion: Stewart Young motions for the commission to support in concept for Senate Bill 184 Substitute 2 for further discussion and action. Mark Moffat seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB0105S1 Force in Defense of Person or Property Amendments

Amends the defense of justification when using force in defense of person or property to remove the actor's ability to claim the defense if the actor is charged with recklessly, or with criminal negligence, causing an injury to, or the death of, an innocent individual while using force that would otherwise be justified against a different individual;

Amends the pretrial justification hearing procedures to deny the hearing to defendant who is charged with recklessly, or with criminal negligence, causing an injury to, or the death of, another individual while using force the defendant alleges was justified against a different individual

Motion: Stewart Young motions for the commission to support Senate Bill 105 Substitute 01. Tom Ross seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB0465 Juvenile Court Amendments

Allows a juvenile court to conditionally suspend a minor's order for detention for up to five days

Motion: Pam Vickrey motions for the commission to hold on House Bill 465 for further discussion and action. Stewart Young seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB0284 Murder Offense Amendments

Amends the offense of murder when the actor acts in a depraved indifference to human life to clarify that the actor does not need to have a specific intent to kill a specific individual.

Motion: Tom Ross motions for the commission to support House Bill 284. Tyler Kotter (for Commissioner Beau Mason) seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Michael Dreschel (for Ron Gordon) has joined the meeting.

HB0354 Rescue Tracking Equipment Offense Amendments

creates a class B misd. for when an actor commits destroying, tampering with, or unlawfully interacting with rescue tracking equipment if the actor: destroys rescue tracking equipment; damages, disables, removes, or tampers with rescue tracking equipment; and the conduct described in Subsection (2)(b)(i) inhibits or impedes the proper use or functioning of the rescue tracking equipment; or interacts with a piece of rescue tracking equipment knowing that the action will result in a false report to a law enforcement agency of an individual who is in need of emergency assistance.

Motion: Sheriff Chad Jensen motions for the commission to support House Bill 354. Spencer Turley (for Jared Garcia) seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB0370S1 Sex Offender Oversight Amendments

Requires UDC to create a monitoring program for sex offenders who are unable to provide a required residential address to the registry, establish an automated system for requesting an arrest warrant from a court for a sex offender if the sex offender violates certain registry registration requirements; verify the residential address provided to the registry by a sex offender within a specific time period and, if the department determines that the sex offender does not reside at the provided address, request an arrest warrant from a court; and develop and provide an online training program for certain individuals who work with sex offenders;

creates 3F for a sex offender's failure to comply with the monitoring program;

requires a court to consider and, if the court finds probable cause, issue an arrest warrant for a sex offender if the sex offender violates certain registry registration requirements

Stewart Young stepped out of the meeting (before a formal motion on HB370S01 could be made)

This bill targets the approximately 291 sex offenders on the registry who claim to have no stable address. It requires a GPS location monitor that pings once every 12 hours for those without a residential address.

The fiscal note was reduced from \$3 million to approximately \$600,000 ongoing by limiting the mandate to Salt Lake County (counties of the first class).

The Commission expressed concern that there is no clear statutory process for an offender to be removed from monitoring once they secure stable housing.

Motion: Richard Mauro motions for the commission to support in concept for House Bill 370 Substitute 01. Chief Craig Black seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Stewart Young has rejoined the meeting

SB0323 Criminal and Juvenile Justice Recodification

CCJJ Restructure

Motion: Chief Craig Black motions for the commission to support Senate Bill 323. Richard Mauro seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SB0262 Law Enforcement Usage of Unmarked Vehicles

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

The Commission moved to oppose this bill, which would prohibit unmarked vehicles from initiating stops for traffic infractions.

Law enforcement representatives argued that traffic safety is a primary public concern and that removing unmarked units—often used by detectives, school resource officers, and administrators—would be "devastating."

Critics of the bill noted that impersonation is rare (citing only 2 reports out of 14,000 stops in Salt Lake County over six years). Suggestions were made to enhancing penalties for police impersonation instead of banning unmarked vehicle use.

Motion: Ryan Robinson motions for the commission to oppose Senate Bill 262. Sheriff Chad Jensen seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

HB0454 Public Assistance Fraud Amendments

creates the offense of public assistance fraud by a person facilitating an inaccurate public assistance application - Mirrors other fraud related penalties. adds the newly created offense to the list of predicate offenses for a pattern of unlawful activity

Motion: Tyler Kotter (for Commissioner Beau Mason) motions for the commission to support House Bill 454. Spencer Turley (for Jared Garcia) seconds the motion. The motion passed. (15-0-1)

Support(s): Fourteen (14) Supports; Michael Dreschel (for Ron Gordon), Spencer Turley (for Jared Garcia), Tyler Kotter (for Commissioner Beau Mason), Stewart Young, Chief Craig Black, Sheriff Chad Jensen, Blake Hills, Pam Vickrey, Sariah Donnahoo (JJOC), Chief Sol Oberg, Richard Mauro, Ryan Robinson, Tom Ross, Amanda Bollinger, April Graham

Abstention(s): One (1) Abstention; Mark Moffat

Ryan Robinson has left the meeting (Carl Hollan will act as designee).

HB0540 Judicial Transparency, Information Access, and Transition Amendments

This bill addresses public access to court records and proceedings, judicial financial disclosures, and employment of a former judge.

This bill sought to make court records and audio more accessible, including making Exchange accounts free for a limited number of searches. While supporting the concept of an open judiciary, members worried that free, easy access to audio would allow "salacious" or misleading clips to be posted on social media.

Judge Jeremiah Humes and others noted that rapid, public distribution of testimony could discourage victims and witnesses from coming forward in sensitive cases (e.g., sexual assault).

Providing free audio would shift costs and require a significant increase in Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staff to manage the volume of requests.

Motion: Richard Mauro motions for the commission to hold on House Bill 540 for further discussion and action. Mark Moffat seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

	<p><u>HB0188S3 Juvenile Justice Amendments</u></p> <p><i>3rd sub: Removes NJ repeat provisions for possession. Puts on a cap for school based alternatives for drug possession offenses. Leaves provisions on search and seizure process and recidivism/school offense definitions</i></p> <p>Motion: Pam Vickrey motions for the commission to <u>support</u> House Bill 188 Substitute 03. Tom Ross seconds the motion. The motion passed. (15-0-1)</p> <p>Support(s): Fourteen (14) Supports; Michael Dreschel (for Ron Gordon), Spencer Turley (for Jared Garcia), Tyler Kotter (for Commissioner Beau Mason), Stewart Young, Chief Craig Black, Sheriff Chad Jensen, Blake Hills, Pam Vickrey, Sariah Donnahoo (JJOC), Chief Sol Oberg, Richard Mauro, Ryan Robinson, Tom Ross, Mark Moffat, April Graham</p> <p>Abstention(s): One (1) Abstention; Amanda Bollinger</p>
Agenda Item	Other Business
Notes	No other business was addressed.
Agenda Item	Public Comment
Notes	Public comment time was given but none was shared.
Agenda Item	Adjourn
Notes	<p>Motion: Tyler Kotter (for Commissioner Beau Mason) motions for the commission to adjourn. Tom Ross seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The commission adjourns.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 2nd, 2026 from Noon-2 PM. Location: <u>Anchor Location:</u> CCJJ Offices Zoom link: meet.google.com/sbq-pstg-mod</p>
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