

**ADVISORY BOARD
OF THE
SALT LAKE COUNTY CHILDREN'S JUSTICE CENTER**

Meeting minutes

Prepared by: Keygan Sprague, Legal Secretary – Survivor and Victim Services Division

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, February 9, 2026

LOCATION: District Attorney's Office – 35 E 400 S SLC, UT 84111

PRESENT: Asha Parekh, Ryan Woodmansee, Lt. Brandon Turner, Lt. Tyler Ackerman, Dr. Tagrid Ruiz-Maldonado, Natalia Peterson, Gentry Holbrook, Sierra Chao, Keri Jones-Fonnesbeck, and Rachel Miller

GUESTS: Dusty Schumacher, Detective Ali Parise

EXOFFICIO: Keygan Sprague

1. Welcome members and guests – Gentry Holbrook
 - A. Gentry Holbrook called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.
2. Roll Call – Keygan Sprague
 - A. Roll Call conducted with reading the roll call list, including welcome of guests and nominated board member, Keri Jones-Fonnesbeck.
3. Approval of the Minutes
 - A. Motion made by Gentry Holbrook and seconded by Lt. Brandon Turner for approval of November 2025 meeting minutes. No edits were proposed and were unanimously approved.
4. Public Comment
 - A. No public in attendance
5. Business Items – Gentry Holbrook
 - A. Lt. James Porter, Crystal Painter, and Tracy Mills have departed the board. Asha Parekh appointed Natalia Peterson as representative from the Guardian ad Litem's office in place of Tracy Mills. Lt. Drew Hadley's and Keri Jones-Fonnesbeck's names were submitted to the Nomination Committee for consideration. The Nomination Committee unanimously approved the nominations and submitted them to the full board for consideration. Gentry Holbrook read a brief professional biography of Keri, with all board members subsequently voting in favor of their nominations.
5. Friends Nonprofit Report – Sierra Chao
 - A. Friends Nonprofit held a virtual gala that raised approximately \$18,000 for the CJC.
 - B. The Year-End Fundraising Campaign raised approximately \$35,000 for the CJC.
 - C. Current Executive Director, Sierra Chao, will be reducing her hours to provide only organizational oversight. A Development Manager has been hired and will be auditing Friends Nonprofit's efforts and helping create a new strategic plan for 2026.
 - D. There will be a small event for the Donor Wall at the new CJC.
6. CJC Staff and Program Update – Ryan Woodmansee, Dusty Schumacher, and Asha Parekh
 - A. Ryan Woodmansee advised the board that the Mental Health Specialist position at the CJC is currently vacant with applicants being interviewed.

- B. Ryan Woodmansee provided the 2025 data report for the CJC program which included there being 1,247 forensic interviews that took place at the CJC locations, 118 on-site medical exams, 1,152 referrals to other services, supports, and resources, 174 interpreter services, 1,100 Crime Victims Reparations application assists, 34 transportation assists, and 32 emergency financial assists.
 - C. Ryan Woodmansee reviewed the MDT Protocol Joint Response in which, as best practice, it is an expected standard for there to be a joint response by DCFS and law enforcement when possible. This includes participating in forensic interviews at the CJC to reduce the number of interviews for the child, improve coordination and information sharing between agencies, and enhance child safety, investigative outcomes, and service access.
 - D. Ryan Woodmansee also reviewed the MDT Protocol Single Agency Response which is used in limited circumstances when a single-agency interview (DCFS-only or Law Enforcement-only) may be conducted at the CJC as an exception when the case has been cross reported AND communication has occurred between DCFS and Law Enforcement AND one agency has confirmed they will not be assigning at that time. Reasons for these circumstances include, but are not limited to, jurisdiction is unknown or unclear, the initial report does not yet meet criminal assignment criteria, or the report does not meet DCFS acceptance criteria.
7. Law Enforcement Overview – Detective Ali Parise, Special Victims Unit-Unified Police Department
- A. Detective Ali Parise with the Special Victims Unit at Unified Police Department shared with the board the steps law enforcement takes when utilizing the CJC for attending/performing forensic interviews as part of their investigations as it provides a more neutral and comfortable environment for the child/children involved.
 - B. Detective Parise expressed the importance of forensic interviews as well as the CJC program to investigations and assisting detectives with gathering pertinent information for their cases and connecting children and their families to resources provided by the CJC such as referrals to therapeutic support.
8. Other Business – All Members
- A. Quarterly meetings for 2026 are:
 - February 9
 - May 4
 - August 10
 - November 2
9. Motion to Adjourn
- A. A motion was made by Gentry Holbrook and seconded by Ryan Woodmansee to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 1:03pm.