

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

Tuesday, 7 April 2026 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
Ms. Michele Ballantyne Vice-Chair
Rep. Jordan Teuscher
Rep. Grant Miller
Sen. Brady Brammer
Sen. Jen Plumb
Hon. Ryan Harris
Hon. Michael Edwards (video)
Mr. Stephen Studdert (video)
Ms. Georgia Thompson (video)
Ms. Linda Dunn (video)

Excused:

Staff:

Alex Peterson
Aimee Thoman
Cindi Cowles
Joe McGivern

Guests / Public: None

1. **Welcome.** Chair called the meeting to order. Chair re-organized the agenda.
2. **Closure of Meeting via roll call vote.**

Motion:	Hon. Harris	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:	Ms. Ballantyne	
Vote:	Unanimous by roll call	

At the conclusion of the confidential portion of the meeting, the meeting was re-opened to the public.

3. **Public Comment.** Public comment allowed, none was given.
4. **Approval of Minutes.**

Motion: Mr. Studdert To approve the minutes of the public portion of the 10 March 2026 meeting.

Second: Ms. Thompson
Vote: Unanimous

5. **Director's Report.** Ms. Thoman reviewed the Director's Report, updating the Commission on AJDC / CJEⁱ (x2), JPECⁱⁱ (x0), CCJJⁱⁱⁱ (x4), UCCD^{iv} (x0), AOC^v (x1), and GRAMA^{vi}/Press (0) monthly requests. Staff reported on implementation of new Vantage system.

6. **Budget.** Staff reported on the FY26 budget through February 28, 2026, with total expenditures of \$373,336. Prior year savings and legislative additions to budget resulted in a carry forward balance of \$395,000. The JCC spent 63.9% of available funds through 66.6% of current FY.

7. **Statistical Report.**

Number of complaints filed to date in FY26	153
Number of cases pending before the Supreme Court	3
Number of cases under formal charges	0
Number of cases under full investigation	8
Number of cases under preliminary investigation	21
Total number of open files	32

Oldest Case 397 days

Average Case age 58 days

In FY26, zero (0) Public Actions and three (3) Dismissal with Warnings have been issued. Twenty-two (22) 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 significantly 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.

8. **Next Meeting and other matters.** The Commissioners agreed to conduct a public meeting on 5 May at the anchor location at 11:00 am. The Chair approved Commissioner electronic attendance.

9. **Adjournment.**

Motion: Ms. Hayman To adjourn.

Second: Not required

Vote: Unanimous

ⁱ Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel / Center for Judicial Ethics

ⁱⁱ Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission

ⁱⁱⁱ Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice

^{iv} Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy

^v Administrative Office of the Courts

^{vi} Government Records Access and Management Act