

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

Tuesday, 5 May 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 (video)
Rep. Grant Miller
Sen. Brady Brammer
Sen. Jen Plumb
Hon. Ryan Harris (video)
Hon. Michael Edwards (video)
Mr. Stephen Studdert (video)
Ms. Georgia Thompson
Ms. Linda Dunn

Excused:

Staff:

Alex Peterson
Aimee Thoman
Cindi Cowles
Joe McGivern

Guests / Public: Ruth
Hackford-Peer, Robert
Gehrke

- 1. Welcome.** Chair called the meeting to order. The public was welcomed. The Chair noted that no public comment would be allowed. Chair reminded Commissioners that there should be no discussion of any particular case.
- 2. Commission discussion on Confidentiality and Distribution of JCC Materials to JCC members.**
 - a. Ex. Dir. requested a motion to establish a special committee of 3 Commissioners to assist him in examining recent disclosure, JCC practices, and necessary changes going forward.
 - b. Commissioners discussed motion, clarified that questions may be asked about Commissioners' discussions of Commission matters, and resolved questions of scope and authority.

Motion:	Sen. Brammer	To establish a special committee consisting of Ms. Ballantyne, Mr. Studdert and Hon. Harris to support the Ex. Dir in examining the recent disclosure, JCC confidentiality practices, and any necessary changes going forward.
Second:	Ms. Thompson	
Vote:	Unanimous by roll call	

- c. Report by Ex. Dir. on steps taken so far in light of recent disclosure.
- d. Review of Historical Basis for JCC Confidentiality by Ex. Dir.
- e. Discussion on specific protocols for distribution of materials.
 - i. Agreement to supported analog distribution as interim measure.
 - ii. Additional future technological security measures (e.g. Data rooms).
- f. Discussion of "Trust-building" steps going forward.

- i. Internally and Externally with Utah citizens, complainants, other governmental branches (Legislature, Executive, Judiciary) and constituencies.
- ii. Responding to Judge D. Mortensen's email regarding confidentiality. Staff will draft and circulate a response for external audiences among Commission.

3. Next Meeting. The Commissioners agreed to conduct a public meeting on 2 June at the anchor location at 11:00 am. The Chair approved Commissioner electronic attendance.

4. Adjournment.

Motion: Ms. Hayman To adjourn.
Second: Not required
Vote: Unanimous