

CCJJ COMMISSION MINUTES – PENDING APPROVAL	
Committee	Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
Date	Thursday, April 2nd, 2026
Time	12 PM – 2 PM
Location	Hybrid Zoom Virtual meeting – CCJJ Large Conference
Members Present	<u>In-Person Attendance:</u> Erid Tadehara (for Tracey Gruber), Commissioner Beau Mason, Stewart Young, Richard Mauro, Steve Burton (for Mark Moffat), Tom Ross <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Ron Gordon, Jared Garcia, Sheriff Chad Jensen, Greg Johnson (for Blake Hills), Pam Vickrey, Chief Sol Oberg, April Graham, Judge Jeremiah Humes
Staff & Visitors	<u>Staff:</u> Danica Bodley, Elizabeth Klc (virtual), Dan Strong, Van Nguyen, Dale Oyler, Abril Espinoza, Adrienne Buhler (virtual), Morgan Williams (virtual), Dr. Michele Leslia (virtual), Tiffany Nguyen (virtual), Katie Fox (virtual), Niyo Aimable, Ben Peterson (virtual), Angelo Perillo (virtual), Mei Xue (virtual), Bud Powell (virtual), Erica Woods (virtual), Amanda Martin (virtual), Sofia Nystroem (virtual), Marlesse Jones (virtual) <u>Visitors:</u> Michael Dreschel, Brittany Karzen, Leslie Howitt (virtual), Martin Munoz (virtual), Albert Cramer (virtual), Melissa Orlandi (virtual), Jacob Glenn (virtual)
Agenda Item	Welcome and Approval of Meeting Minutes – Sheriff Chad Jensen, Commission Chair
Notes	Sheriff Chad Jensen brings the commission meeting into session. The commission reviewed the previous meeting minutes from March 2nd, 2026. Motion: Richard Mauro motions for the commission to approve the minutes as presented. Commissioner Beau Mason seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Agenda Item	UBJJ Grant Recommendations – Adrienne Buhler, UBJJ Director
Notes	The Utah Board of Juvenile Justice (UBJJ) conducted a Title II federal funding grant process involving 32 applicants with a total request of over \$1.2 million. With only \$193,000 available to award, a working group of 16 members ranked applications based on strategic impact. The board approved funding for the following seven programs: • Youth Impact: After-school program (Ogden/Weber County) • Juvenile Defender Resource Center: Family conservation case manager pilot (Statewide) • 1999 Collective: Support for young adults leaving foster care (Statewide) • Project Connection Foundation: Social prescribing program (Statewide) • Project Success Coalition: Pathways to Prevention after-school program (Ogden/Weber County) • STEM CAP (Univ. of Utah): Garden project in youth centers (Salt Lake Valley) • Juvenile Defender Resource Center: Expungement funds (Statewide) The commission emphasized moving away from broad distribution toward "targeted funding." This approach utilizes geospatial juvenile studies to identify violent crime "hot spots," particularly in Weber County and Ogden. Future efforts will look at the correlation between juvenile and adult violent crime to better advocate for early intervention funding to the legislature. Motion: Commissioner Beau Mason motioned for the commission to approve the UBJJ recommendation list as presented. Richard Mauro seconds the motion. The motion passed.

	Abstention: One (1) Abstention; Eric Tadehara (for Tracey Gruber)
Agenda Item	Advocacy Center Biannual Report – Dale Oyler, Assistant UOVC Director & Abril Espinoza, Victim Advocate Program Manager
Notes	The Utah Office for Victims of Crime (formerly Crime Victim Reparations) presented its biannual report, highlighting its dual role in compensation and direct victim advocacy. <u>Compensation and Emergency Support</u> • Total Claims: The department spent approximately \$7 million last year. • Emergency Fund: Authorized at \$250,000 annually, with 98% directed toward rent and groceries for victims in immediate crisis. • Restitution Recovery: Only \$1.2 to \$1.3 million was recovered through restitution, as many expenses (such as relocation) are rarely ordered by judges. • Coverage: Primary expenses include medical bills, mental health therapy, and funerals. <u>Operational Challenges: Police Report Access</u> A recurring bottleneck is the acquisition of police reports necessary to process claims. While statute requires law enforcement to provide a report or summary within 10 business days—even if an investigation is ongoing—compliance remains inconsistent. The UOVC and commission emphasized that an "initial report" is sufficient for the statutory requirement to release victim funding. <i>Pam Vickrey has joined the meeting.</i>
Agenda Item	2026 Legislative Session Review – Elizabeth Klc, Criminal Justice Policy Director
Notes	The session resulted in 542 passed bills, several of which fundamentally alter CCJJ's structure and mandates. <u>CCJJ Reification and Restructuring</u> Effective July 1, 2026, a restructuring bill will reorganize the agency to better reflect its diverse functions. While the commission's primary operations remain intact, internal structural changes and new positions will align with the agency's roles in staffing the commission and representing its voice to policymakers. <i>Sheriff Chad Jensen has joined the meeting.</i> <u>Sentencing Commission Revisions (HB 274 & HCR 2)</u> • Membership Changes: Adds one prosecutor, one sheriff, and one police chief specifically for juvenile positions. It shifts the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee (JJOC) representative to a non-voting member. • Guideline Overhaul: HCR 2 authorized the 2026 guidelines, which increased jail day recommendations for serious violent and sex offenses. The commission is mandated to further revise guidelines with a focus on felony sex and person offenses. • Early Implementation: To meet legislative deadlines, the commission began revising guidelines in April, prior to the new members officially joining in July. <u>Violent Crime Clearance (HB 210)</u> This legislation establishes grant programs to increase the solvability of violent crimes. CCJJ will collaborate with law enforcement leadership (Chiefs, Sheriffs, DPS) to establish minimum investigative standards and provide necessary equipment or training. <i>April Graham has left the meeting.</i>

	<i>Stewart Young has joined the meeting.</i> <u>Recidivism and Data Mandates (HB 48)</u> • Metrics: The state will maintain its standard recidivism metric for trend analysis but adds "alternative recidivism metrics" to be reported as data becomes available. • New Reporting Requirements: CCJJ is now tasked with tracking data on: ○ Cryptocurrency investigations. ○ Catalytic converter thefts (HB 43). ○ Pregnant inmates and inmates who are parents to minor children. ○ Post-incarceration housing data. The commission is transitioning from the "connectivity phase" of the Data Task Force to the "analysis phase." <u>System Connectivity</u> The project to connect law enforcement, prosecutors, and jails is roughly 85% complete. CCJJ recently used grant funds to finalize prosecutor connectivity (JTI/e-prosecutor) and support software for small sheriff's departments that previously had no automated systems. <i>Jared Garcia has joined the meeting.</i> <u>The Role of Artificial Intelligence</u> Commission members expressed strong interest in utilizing AI for the state's "closed system." Potential applications include: • Anomaly Detection: AI could automatically flag sudden 20% shifts in crime rates or outcomes for human review. • Cross-System Analysis: Identifying the "first touch" a person has with the system and tracking them through treatment and adjudication to determine what interventions actually work. • Privacy and Security: Under HB 220, CCJJ is prohibited from sharing raw source data from other agencies; it may only share aggregate reports. This provides a "safe" environment for AI-driven research. • <u>Intersection with Behavioral Health</u> There is a growing mandate to bridge the gap between criminal justice and behavioral health data. The commission aims to move past "extreme risk liability" mindsets that have historically prevented data sharing due to HIPAA or FERPA concerns, seeking instead to build a comprehensive picture of the "continuum of care."
Agenda Item	Public Comment
Notes	Public comment time was given but none was made.
Agenda Item	Adjourn
Notes	Motion: Eric Tadehara (for Tracey Gruber) motions for the commission to adjourn. Spencer Turley (for Jared Garcia) seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The commission adjourns. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11th, 2026 from Noon-2 PM. Location: <u>Anchor Location</u>: CCJJ Offices Zoom link: meet.google.com/uzp-kecu-inj
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