

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

Tuesday, 2 June 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 (video)
Hon. Ryan Harris
Hon. Michael Edwards
Mr. Stephen Studdert (video)
Ms. Georgia Thompson
Ms. Linda Dunn

Excused:

Staff:

Alex Peterson
Aimee Thoman
Joe McGivern

Guests / Public: Brian
Dean, Brandon Checketts

1. **Welcome.** Chair called the meeting to order. Public comment allowed. No given. Executive Director introduced and welcomed two attending Legislative Auditors. Discussion was had regarding Legislative Auditors attendance during Closed portion of meeting. Commission discussed allowing attendance given Auditors non-participation and observation status only in support of an ongoing performance audit.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

Motion: Ms. Thompson To approve the minutes of the public portion of the 7 April and 5 May 2026 meetings.

Second: Hon. Harris

Vote: Unanimous

3. **Director's Report.** Mr. Peterson reviewed the Director's Report, updating the Commission on AJDC / CJEⁱ (x3), JPECⁱⁱ (x0), CCJJⁱⁱⁱ (x1), UCCD^{iv} (x0), AOC^v (x0), and GRAMA^{vi}/Press (8) monthly requests. Director reported on implementation of various security enhancements to further protect confidentiality of investigations as well as a proposed letter to Judiciary. Director informed Commissioners on ongoing Legislative Audit and completion of Budget-Review with Finance Office.
4. **Budget.** Staff reported on the FY26 budget through April 30, 2026, with total expenditures of \$468,690. Prior year savings and legislative additions to budget resulted in a carry forward balance of \$350,000. The JCC spent 80.2% of appropriated funds through 83% of current FY.

5. **Statistical Report.**

Number of complaints filed to date in FY26

186

Number of cases pending before the Supreme Court	4
Number of cases under formal charges	0
Number of cases under full investigation	9
Number of cases under preliminary investigation	34
Total number of open files	45

Oldest Case 292 days

Average Case age 56 days

In FY26, one (1) Public Actions and three (3) Dismissal with Warnings have been issued. Thirty-three (33) 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.

6. Closure of Meeting via roll call vote.

Motion: Mr. Studdert 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; matters covered by attorney client privilege or specific security measures.

Second: Ms. Thompson

Vote: Unanimous By roll call

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

7. Next Meeting and other matters. The Commissioners agreed to conduct a public meeting on 7 July at the anchor location at 11:00 am. The Chair approved Commissioner electronic attendance.

8. 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