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JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO Judicial Conduct Commissioners

FROM Alex Peterson

DATE 30 July 2026

RE Packet for 4 August (Tuesday) In-person and / or virtual meeting

MESSAGE The meeting will be held in-person at our anchor location (1385 S. State Street) and a virtual option (on Google Meet) will be available for Commissioners. Public will be invited via our Agenda which is posted on the State Public Notices website.

Meeting will begin at 11:00 am start time.

Per Utah Rules R595-1-5, the Chair approved in advance Commissioner attendance by videoconferencing. You will be provided a video link or are welcome to attend person.

Confidentiality Reminder

Members and JCC staff (staff) are prohibited from disclosing confidential information without the consent of the accused judge or an order from the Utah Supreme Court authorizing disclosure. The fact that a complaint has been made, a statement has been given, and all papers and matters submitted to the JCC, together with the preliminary inquiry, any investigation, and all proceedings conducted shall be confidential.

Tab 1

AGENDA

JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday, 4 August 2026
11:00 a.m.**

**Judicial Conduct Commission
1385 S. State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84115**

NO.	ITEM	REPORTING	TAB
1	Welcome, Call to Order, Public Comment	Chair	1
2	Approval of Public Minutes	Chair	2
3	Director's report	Alex Peterson	3
4	Budget	Alex Peterson	4
5	Statistical Report	Alex Peterson	5
6	Motion to Close Public Meeting Approval of Confidential Minutes Confidential Matters	Chair	6
7	Next Meeting	Chair	
8	Other Business	Chair	
9	Adjournment	Chair	

Notice is hereby provided that the JCC will be meeting in person at our anchor location. The public is invited to attend at anchor location address above.

Persons with disabilities who require special accommodations are requested to contact the Judicial Conduct Commission, (801) 468-0021, at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting date and time.

Tab 2

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

Tuesday, 7 July 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
(video)
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)

Excused:

Ms. Linda Dunn

Staff:

Alex Peterson
Aimee Thoman
Joe McGivern

Guests / Public: Nicolas
Dale, Brian Dean

1. **Welcome.** Chair called the meeting to order. Public comment allowed and given. Executive Director introduced and welcomed the attending Legislative Auditor. Discussion was had regarding Legislative Auditors attendance during all portions of meeting and access to JCC records to support Audit Report. Chair confirmed and Auditors agreed that they will only observe meeting and not participate.
2. **Approval of Minutes.**

 Motion: Ms. Thompson To approve the minutes of the public portion of the 2 June 2026 meetings.

 Second: Sen. Brammer

 Vote: Unanimous
3. **Report of Special Committee.** Mr. Peterson reported on the work of the Special Committee including the finalization of the updated JCC confidentiality policy. He summarized the various office process and procedures changes including hiring of Case Manager / Privacy Officer. He also informed the Commission of upcoming possible policy update on Disclosure / Recusal policy and Media policy as well as possible Administrative Rules and Statutory changes.
4. **Director's Report.** Mr. Peterson updated the Commission on AJDC / CJEⁱ (x3), JPECⁱⁱ (x0), CCJJⁱⁱⁱ (x3), UCCD^{iv} (x0), AOC^v (x0), and GRAMA^{vi}/Press (4) monthly requests. Director shared report to Judicial Council, completion of Annual Entity registration, biennial Boards / Commission review, and updates to Board / Commission website. Director updated Commissioners on ongoing Legislative Audit. Director shared draft FY26 JCC Annual Report and Commission provided review.

5. Budget. Staff reported on the FY26 budget through May 31, 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 92% of current FY. Staff expected that \$45,000 of budget will return to General Fund; but no change to FY 27 budget.

6. Statistical Report.

Number of complaints filed to date in FY26	221
Number of cases pending before the Supreme Court	3
Number of cases under formal charges	5
Number of cases under full investigation	4
Number of cases under preliminary investigation	35
Total number of open files	47

Oldest Case 98 days

Average Case age 32 days

In FY26, three (3) Public Actions and three (3) Dismissal with Warnings have been issued. Thirty-six (36) 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.

7. Closure of Meeting via roll call vote.

Motion: Sen. Plumb 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: Sen. Brammer

Vote: Unanimous By roll call

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

8. Next Meeting and other matters. The Commissioners agreed to conduct a public meeting on 4 August 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

Tab 3



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MEMORANDUM

TO Judicial Conduct Commissioners

FROM Alex G. Peterson

DATE 30 July 2026

RE Director's Report

MESSAGE

1. JCC staff activities that have occurred beyond investigative responsibilities since our last meeting.

2. Information requests regarding the JCC processes / organization:

AJDC / CJE - 5, JPEC - 0, judicial nominations / CCJJ - 5, UCCD - 0, AOC / judicial retirements - 0 and GRAMA / Press - 2.

Office of Professional Conduct 2.

3. JCC established JCC Commissioner specific emails with JCC domain for electronic communications allowing use of end-to-end encryption of JCC secured shared drive with links to JCC confidential materials. Staff continue working with Commissioners to onboard new process.

4. Legislative Audit continues. Case Manager / Privacy Officer position approved, funded, and posted.

5. Finalized FY26 JCC Annual Report for approval attached. Finalized JCC Confidentiality policy will be available at meeting for signature.

6. 2026 AJDC conference attended in Chicago. Agenda attached.

7. Work continues on updating JCC Policies and Administrative Rules. Proposed Administrative Rule changes attached for review and approval.

AJDC / CJE is the Association of Judicial Disciplinary Counsel / Center for Judicial Ethics
JPEC is the Judicial Performance Evaluation Commission
CCJJ is the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice
UCCD is the Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy
AOC is the Administrative Office of the Court
GRAMA is the Government Records Access and Management Act



UTAH JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT FY 2026

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Creation and Authority of the Judicial Conduct Commission

Although it existed previously as a legislatively created body, Utah's Judicial Conduct Commission ("JCC") was constitutionally established in 1984. Constitution of Utah, Article VIII, Section 13. The constitution authorizes the Legislature to statutorily establish the composition and procedures of the JCC. Those provisions are found in Utah Code Ann., Title 78A, Chapter 11.

The JCC is empowered to investigate and conduct confidential hearings regarding complaints against state, county and municipal judges throughout the state. The JCC may recommend the reprimand, censure, suspension, removal, or involuntary retirement of a judge for any of the following reasons:

- action which constitutes willful misconduct in office;
- final conviction of a crime punishable as a felony under state or federal law;
- willful and persistent failure to perform judicial duties;
- disability that seriously interferes with the performance of judicial duties; or
- conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice which brings a judicial office into disrepute.

Prior to the implementation of any such JCC recommendation, the Utah Supreme Court reviews the JCC's proceedings as to both law and fact. The Supreme Court then issues an order implementing, rejecting, or modifying the JCC's recommendation.

Number of FY26 Complaints

Of the **221** FY26 complaints received, **176** were resolved and **45** are pending. **1** FY25 complaints are pending.

Complaints Received in FY 26			
Judge Type	Number of Judges	Number of Complaints Received	Number of Judges Named in Complaints*
Appellate Courts	12	7	7
District	78	172	81
Juvenile	33	12	10
Justice Court	70	42	27
Pro Tempore	43	6	6
Active Senior	35	1	1
Total	273	218	109

(*Starting in FY19 and going forward, the JCC counts each judge once even though they may have been named in multiple complaints.)

Confidentiality of JCC Records and Proceedings

Except in certain limited circumstances specified by statute, all complaints, papers and testimony received or maintained by the JCC, and the record of any confidential hearings conducted by the JCC, are confidential, and cannot be disclosed.

Sanctions and Other Resolutions

Sanctions Implemented by the Utah Supreme Court

On 23 April 2026, the Supreme Court issued an Order of Reprimand against Judge Jed Labrum for violations of Rules 1.2, 2.1, and 2.12(B) for improperly delegating judicial duties to court staff. Specifically, on multiple occasions Judge Labrum engaged in personal activities that prevented him from being able to fulfill his duties as the on-call judge. As a result, he tasked court staff to complete judicial work on his behalf. This required him to give court staff inappropriate access to court computer systems, required court staff to work during off hours, and resulted in court staff acting on documents that should only be done by a judge. Judge Labrum engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice which brings a judicial office into disrepute. He accepted responsibility for his actions and expressed remorse for any harm his actions may have caused.

On 10 June 2026, the Supreme Court issued an Order of Censure against Judge William Kendall. He engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice which brings a judicial office into disrepute. Judge Kendall accepted responsibility for his actions, expressed remorse for any harm his actions may have caused and agreed to never seek judicial office again.

On 10 June 2026, the Supreme Court issued an Order of Censure against Judge Kevin Christensen for violations of Rules 1.1, 1.2, and 3.1(C) after he pled guilty to three (3) separate third degree felonies (one count of enticing a minor using the internet and two counts of dealing in materials harmful to a minor). He engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice which brings a judicial office into disrepute. He resigned prior to removal and agreed to never seek any judicial office again.

Dismissals with Warnings Issued by the Judicial Conduct Commission ("Commission")

On 1 July 2025, the Judicial Conduct Commission dismissed a complaint against a district court judge for violation of Rules 1.2, 2.3(A), 2.4(A), 2.8(B), 2.10(A), 2.11(A)(1). The judge made a statement during a court hearing. The statement made by the judge undermined the judge's impartiality, could reasonably be perceived as bias, was discourteous, and was evidence that the judge felt pressured. Also, if there was perceived bias, the judge should have disqualified themselves earlier in the proceedings. Also, in their disqualification order, the judge wrote explanatory comments. Utah Judicial Ethics Advisory Opinion 04-01 states that "judges should generally avoid commenting when granting a motion for disqualification. Comments in such an order serve no purpose in litigation." The judge accepted responsibility and explained that the misconduct was not intentional. The Commission found the behavior and misconduct were troubling but relatively minor for which no public sanction was warranted.

On 5 August 2025, the Judicial Conduct Commission dismissed various complaints against a district court judge for violation of Rule 1.2. During a sentencing explanation, the judge made certain statements describing a defendant that undermined the confidence and impartiality of the judiciary giving an appearance of impropriety. The judge accepted responsibility and was apologetic. The Commission found the behavior and misconduct were troubling but relatively minor for which no public sanction was warranted.

Sanctions and Other Resolutions

Dismissals with Warnings continued...

On December 2, 2025, the Judicial Conduct Commission dismissed a complaint against a justice court judge for violation of Rules 1.1, 1.3, 2.1, 2.8(B), and 2.12(B) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. The judge told a story to court staff which was sexual in nature and served no benefit to the operation of the court. The judge communicated with court staff in a disrespectful manner, including raising their voice or delivering instructions in a derogatory tone. The judge denied a court employee's request for medical leave unless the employee provided details on the reason for the appointment. The

Dismissals with Warnings continued...

judge also pressured a court employee to work at the judge's private law practice during a normal business day for the court. The work exposed the employee to privileged attorney-client information that included information on individuals personally known to the employee. The judge accepted responsibility and was apologetic. They have completed remediation training to further prevent repeating the misconduct described above. The Commission found the behavior and misconduct were troubling but relatively minor for which no public sanction was warranted.

Administrative Affairs

Meetings

The JCC meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the offices of the JCC. The JCC met eleven (11) times during FY26.

Administrative Rules

The JCC's administrative rules are available on-line at www.rules.utah.gov.

FY26 JCC Commissioners

Mark Raymond, Public Member (term ended)
Linda Dunn, Public Member (new)
Georgia Beth Thompson, Public Member
Stephen Studdert, Public Member
Cheylynn Hayman, Attorney Member
Michele Ballantyne, Attorney Member
Rep. Grant Miller
Rep. Jordan Teuscher
Sen. Jen Plumb
Sen. Brady Brammer
Hon. Ryan Harris
Hon. Michael Edwards

JCC Statute

The statute governing the JCC is located in Utah Code Ann., Title 78A, Chapter 11.

Website

The JCC's website, www.jcc.utah.gov, contains in-depth information, links to related sites, annual reports, copies of public discipline documents, downloadable complaint forms and an online complaint portal.

Budget

Most of the JCC's budget is appropriated annually by the Legislature. For FY26, the legislative appropriation was \$ 646,000. The JCC had non-lapsing savings from FY25 in the amount of \$350,000. In FY26, the JCC had total available funds of \$996,000. The JCC expenses for FY25 were \$605,233; leaving a balance of \$390,767. The JCC will reserve \$350,000 in non-lapsing savings for FY27. The JCC will lapse \$40,767 back to the General Fund.

JCC Staff

Alex G. Peterson, Executive Director
Aimee Thoman, Investigative Counsel
Joe McGivern, Judicial Investigator
Cindie Cowles, Administrative Assistant

UTAH JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION – COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PROCESS

INITIAL SCREENING	PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION	FULL INVESTIGATION	FORMAL PROCEEDINGS	SUPREME COURT
Executive Director reviews each "complaint" to determine whether it is a complaint within the JCC's jurisdiction. Staff returns non-JCC complaints (i.e., complaints against bar members or court employees) to complainant with appropriate instructions. For JCC complaints, staff prepares electronic and hard-copy files, sends acknowledgment letter to complainant, and returns hard-copy file to Executive Director. Executive Director assigns investigator. <i>Note: Anonymous complaints are submitted directly to JCC members, who review and discuss the complaint and vote to either take no action or to have staff conduct a preliminary investigation.</i>	Investigator conducts preliminary investigation, writes preliminary investigation report, and recommends whether to dismiss or to proceed to full investigation as to some or all allegations. Executive Director reviews preliminary investigation report and recommendation, and may revise either. Staff distributes preliminary investigation report and recommendation, along with pertinent materials, to JCC members. JCC meets, reviews and discusses preliminary investigation report and recommendation, and votes to dismiss, to have staff conduct additional preliminary investigation, or to proceed to full investigation as to some or all allegations.	Staff provides judge with copy of complaint and other pertinent materials and asks judge to respond in writing to identified allegations. Investigator conducts additional investigation, if necessary, as to issues raised in judge's response. Investigator may write supplemental investigation report and may make recommendation whether to dismiss or to proceed to formal proceedings. Staff distributes judge's response and any supplemental investigation report and recommendation, along with pertinent materials, to JCC members. JCC meets, reviews and discusses judge's response and any supplemental investigation report and votes to dismiss, to have staff conduct additional investigation, or to proceed to formal proceedings as to some or all allegations.	Staff prepares formal complaint and serves same upon judge via certified mail. Judge may file written response. Matter may be resolved by dismissal, stipulated resolution or confidential hearing. A stipulated resolution may recommend: Reprimand Censure Suspension Removal from Office Involuntary Retirement After a confidential hearing, the JCC may dismiss the matter or may recommend: Reprimand Censure Suspension Removal from Office Involuntary Retirement	Staff files JCC's findings of fact, recommendation and other statutorily required materials with Supreme Court. JCC's recommendation becomes public upon filing. All other materials become public only upon Supreme Court order. Supreme Court reviews JCC's proceedings as to both law and fact, and implements, modifies or rejects JCC's recommendation. <i>Note: JCC dismissals are not reviewed by the Supreme Court.</i>

Utah Judicial Conduct Commission

RULES, PRINCIPLES, AND POLICIES TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY

Adopted July 7, 2026

1. Introduction

The Judicial Conduct Commission ("JCC") – including both staff and individual commissioners – remains firmly committed to the rules, principles, and policies of confidentiality of JCC investigations and hearings as embodied in the Utah Constitution Article VIII, § 13 and the Utah Code § 78A-11-112. Per the Utah Constitution, the Judicial Conduct Commission shall investigate and conduct confidential hearings regarding complaints against any justice or judge. Per Utah statute, the complaints, papers, testimony, or the record of the commission's confidential hearings may not be disclosed to anyone outside the JCC except in limited circumstances. The JCC acknowledges the historical basis, the constitutional and statutory basis, and the significant policy reasons supporting confidentiality. Confidentiality protects the complainants, the participants in the judicial system (court staff, attorneys, witnesses, adjacent parties, and litigants). Similarly, trust and confidence in the Utah judiciary is improved by resolution of accusations. The JCC recognizes the chilling effect that disclosure of confidential material would have across this spectrum, regardless of how it might occur. The JCC remains committed to reinforcing current JCC processes, protocols, and procedures to protect confidential records, and it will regularly examine other methods to further protect records.

2. JCC Staff and Office Confidentiality Measures

- a. JCC staff are prohibited from disclosing confidential information to anyone outside the JCC without the consent of the accused judge or an order from the Utah Supreme Court authorizing disclosure, excepted as permitted by statute.
- b. The fact that a complaint has been made, a statement has been given, and all papers and matters submitted to the JCC, together with the investigation and initial proceedings conducted pursuant to these rules, shall be confidential.
- c. The JCC shall maintain all paper copies of confidential materials in a secured location. The JCC shall maintain all electronic copies of confidential materials in a password-protected, limited access shared drive or encrypted G:Drive.
- d. The JCC may distribute confidential materials to commissioners under the following guidelines.

- i. Each commissioner will sign a written agreement acknowledging their commitment to comply with the terms of these Rules, Principles and Policies, as set forth herein.
- ii. JCC staff may distribute paper copies of materials only to commissioners who have signed the written agreement referenced in Section 2.d.i.
- iii. JCC staff may share electronic copies of materials only with commissioners who signed the written agreement referenced in Section 2.d.i.

3. Commissioners and Staff Members Confidentiality Measures

- a. JCC commissioners and staff members are prohibited from disclosing confidential JCC information to anyone outside the JCC without the consent of the accused judge or an order from the Utah Supreme Court authorizing disclosure. The fact that a complaint has been made, a statement has been given, and all papers and matters submitted to the JCC, together with the investigation and all proceedings conducted pursuant to these rules, shall be confidential.
- b. Commissioners and staff members must maintain that strict confidentiality. Each commissioner and staff member shall instruct non-JCC personal staff about the requirement of confidentiality and to not access JCC materials.
- c. Commissioners and staff members will use only jcc.utah.gov email addresses for JCC-related business. Commissioners will not use personal email addresses, le.utah.gov email addresses, or other non-jcc.utah.gov email addresses for any JCC-related business. Commissioners will never attach confidential JCC documents to any email – even one sent to other JCC commissioners or staff – that is sent using a non-jcc.utah.gov email address.
- d. Commissioners and staff members will not copy, screenshot, forward, share, or otherwise disclose JCC confidential materials with anyone outside the JCC. They may discuss such materials with other commissioners or JCC staff members. Commissioners and staff members shall ensure that all confidential JCC materials (whether hard copy or electronic) in their possession are secured. They will return all paper materials to the JCC staff members at the conclusion of JCC meetings, proceedings, or hearings for disposal. Commissioners who attend meetings remotely shall ensure that all confidential materials in their possession are returned to JCC staff within a reasonable time for

disposal. Commissioners and staff members will use the established end-to-end encryption email process for receipt of electronic materials.

As a Commissioner of the Judicial Conduct Commission, I acknowledge that I have received and read the JCC "**RULES, PRINCIPLES, AND POLICIES TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIALITY**" and have been given the opportunity to ask questions that I may have concerning any of the policies and procedures contained therein. I agree that as a condition of my service as a Commissioner, I will abide by these JCC Rules, Principles and Policies and not violate any of the provisions. I understand that each Commissioner is responsible for knowing and adhering to the JCC Rules, Principles, and Policies to Protect Confidentiality.

Cheylynn Haymann

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Michele Ballantyne

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ASSOCIATION OF JUDICIAL DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

2026 Annual Meeting & Conference
Fairmont Hotel, Chicago, IL
July 22-24, 2026

Wednesday, July 22, 2026

4:30 PM - 6:00 PM *Registration and Networking Reception (Chancellor Room)*

7:10 PM *Baseball Outing (Advanced Tickets Required)*
Wrigley Field, Cubs v. Tigers

Thursday, July 23, 2026

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM *Breakfast (Millennium Room)*
Registration Continued

Annual Meeting & Conference (Crystal Room)

8:30 AM - 8:40 AM *Call to Order- Welcome*

8:40 AM - 9:00 AM **Guest Speaker**
James J. Alfini, Prof. Emeritus and Dean Emeritus,
South Texas College of Law Houston

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM *Annual Business Meeting*

- 2025 Annual Meeting Minutes
- 2025 Annual Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Nominations to Board of Directors
 - Michelle Beaty (LA)
 - Stephanie Bibbs (IN)

9:15 AM – 9:45 AM *Member Introductions*

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM *Break*

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM *AI Best Practices*
 Presenter: Bobby Williams, Digital Forensic Director,
 iDiscovery Solutions, Inc.

11:00 AM – 12:45 PM *AI Panel*
 Moderator: Mark Levine (NY)
 Presenters: Bobby Williams; Stephanie Bibbs (IN); Dave
 Stromes (NY); Jay Wampler (OH)

12:45 PM – 2:30 PM *Lunch (On Your Own)*

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM *Recent Decisions*
 Presenters: April Elliott (AZ); Denise Buckley (NY)

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM *Break*

- 4:15 PM – 5:30 PM *Breakout Sessions*
1. Practical Approaches to Conducting Investigative
 Witness Interviews (Crystal Room)
 Presenters: Kurt Twitty (WA); Jay Postel (NY);
 Jessica Tankersley (CA); Vanessa Mangan
 (NY)
 2. Balls in the Air: the Multiple Responsibilities of an
 Executive Director (Regent Room)
 Presenters: Marla Greenstein (AK); Reiko Callner (WA)

5:30 PM *Adjourn*

6:00 PM *Zumba, Reiko Callner (Diplomat Room)*

Friday, July 24, 2026

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	<i>Breakfast</i> (Millennium Room)
	Annual Meeting and Conference (<i>Crystal Room</i>)
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	<i>Challenges to the Judiciary</i> <i>Presenter:</i> Charles G. Geyh, John. F. Kimberling Prof. of Law, Indiana Univ. Maurer School of Law
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<i>Break</i>
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<i>Members' Issues</i> <i>Presenters:</i> Adrienne Meiring (IN); Bob Tembeckjian (NY)
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	<i>Lunch</i> (Millennium Room-115)
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	<i>Tales from the Front: Sometimes the Results are Unexpected</i> <i>Moderator:</i> Emily Abbott (AR) <i>Presenters:</i> Gregory Dresser (CA); Cassie Kocher (NY); Michelle Beaty (LA)
3:00 PM	<i>Closing Remarks/ Adjourn</i>

Proposed Administrative Rule Changes

1. Commissioner confidentiality (Rule 595-1-3)

Current Rule:

R595-1-3. Confidentiality.

Confidentiality of Commission proceedings and records is governed by the Constitution of Utah and applicable state statute.

Proposed Rule:

Confidentiality of Commission proceedings and records is governed by the Constitution of Utah, ~~and~~ applicable state statute, these Rules, and Commission Policies. **Commissioners and JCC Staff will are responsible for taking all necessary steps to ensure compliance and confidentiality. Commissioners and JCC staff shall not, individually or collectively, engage in any unauthorized communications with anyone about JCC matters, including complaints, investigations, cases, or proceedings.**

Rationale: Align Admin Rules with state statute and Commission policies and also emphasizing responsibilities of Commission members and staff.

Status: DRAFT ONLY. Presented to Commission.

2. Commissioner ex parte communications (Rule 595-1-4)

Current Rule:

R595-1-4. Ex Parte Communications.

Commissioners shall not, individually or collectively, engage in ex parte communications about proceedings with complainants, witnesses, or judges.

Proposed Change:

Commissioners shall not, individually or collectively, engage in ex parte communications about **investigations, cases or** proceedings with complainants, witnesses, ~~or~~ judges, **or any other non-Commission members or staff.**

Rationale: Align Admin Rules with JCC Policies on confidentiality of JCC records.

Status: DRAFT ONLY. Presented to Commission.

3. Commissioner reconsideration requests (Rule 595-3-13)

Current Rule: R595-3-13. Reinstatement of Proceedings after Dismissal.

A. Reinstatement upon Request by Complainant.

1. If the Commission dismisses the proceedings at any time prior to the commencement of a confidential hearing, the complainant may, within 30 days of the date of the letter notifying the complainant of the dismissal, file a written request that the Commission reinstate the proceedings. The request shall include the specific grounds upon which reinstatement is sought.

2. The request shall be presented to the Commission at the next available meeting of the Commission, at which time the Commission shall determine whether to reinstate the proceedings.

3. A determination not to reinstate the proceedings is not appealable.

B. Reinstatement upon Request by Executive Director.

1. If the Commission dismisses the proceedings at any time prior to the filing of formal charges, the executive director may, at any time upon the receipt of newly discovered evidence, request that the Commission reinstate the proceedings. The request shall include the specific grounds upon which reinstatement is sought.

2. The request shall be presented to the Commission at the next available meeting of the Commission, at which time the Commission shall determine whether to reinstate the proceedings.

Proposed Rule: Rule 595-3-13.C. **Add Paragraph C.**

C. Reinstatement upon Request by Commissioner.

1. If the Commission dismisses the proceedings at any time prior to the commencement of a confidential hearing, any Commissioner may, within 30 days of the date of the letter notifying the complainant of the dismissal, file a written request that the Commission reinstate the proceedings. The request shall include the specific grounds upon which reinstatement is sought.

2. The request shall be presented to the Commission at the next available meeting of the Commission, at which time the Commission shall determine whether to reinstate the proceedings.

3. A determination not to reinstate the proceedings is not appealable.

Rationale: Allows Commissioners to reassess decisions made as well as providing a subsequent consideration of a dismissed matter.

Status: DRAFT ONLY. Presented to Commission.

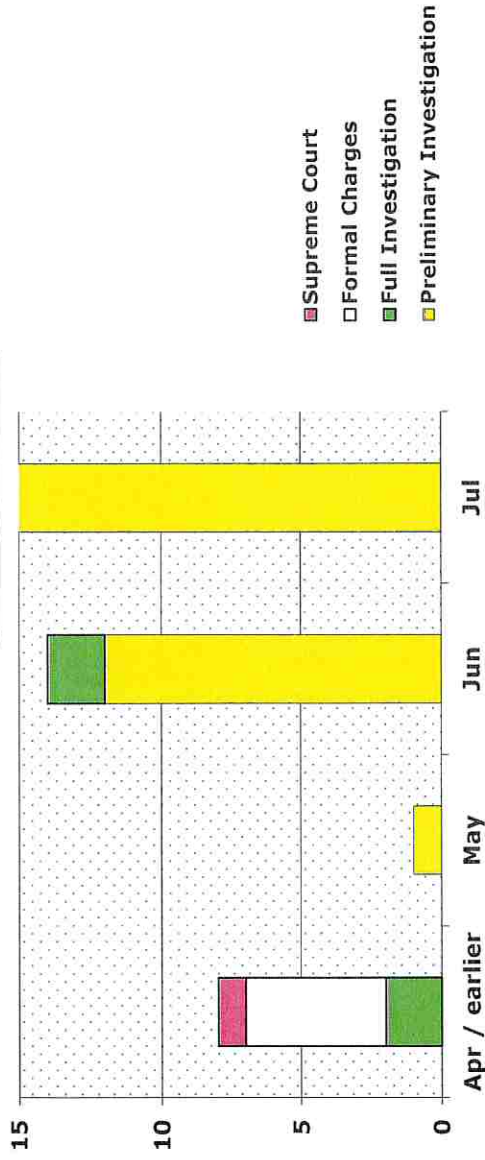
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FY 2026 Budget Report - Through June 30, 2026

Description	Amount	Balance
FY 2026 Legislative Appropriation	\$584,200	\$584,200
Estimated FY 2026 Savings Carried into FY 2027	\$350,000	\$934,200
FY 2026 Expenditures through June 30, 2026	\$607,082	525,017
Percent of Current Fiscal Year Passed as of June 30, 2026	100.0%	
Percent of Legislative Appropriation Spent as of June 30, 2026	103.9%	
Percent of Available Funds Spent as of June 30, 2026	65.0%	
Estimated Carry Over From Prior Years	\$350,000	
Projected Remaining Balance Excluding the Balance From Prior Years	\$388,000	
Authorized non-lapsing Balance	\$400,000	

Tab 5

PENDING CASES



	Apr / earlier	May	Jun	Jul	Total
Preliminary Investigation	0	1	12	20	
Full Investigation	2	0	2	0	
Formal Charges	5	0	0	0	
Supreme Court	1	0	0	0	
Total	8	1	14	20	47 In Process

New Complaints Received Since 7/7/2026 14
 Net Increase/Decrease Since 7/7/2026 4

Oldest Case / Goal / Previous 126 days / 180 days / 98 days
Ave. Case age / Goal / Previous 34 days / 90 days / 32 days
 Supreme Court & Formal Charges cases excluded

FY 27 to date
Total FY 24/FY 25/FY 26/FY 27 complaints 183/197/221 / 20
Total Reconsideration Requests FY25 / FY26 / FY27 28/36 / 2
Total DWW FY265/FY26/FY27 5/3 / 1
Total Public Actions FY25/FY26/FY27 3/3 / 0