CCJJ COMMISSION MINUTES – PENDING APPROVAL	
Committee	**Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice**
Date **Time** **Location**	Thursday, June 11th, 2026 12 PM – 2 PM Hybrid Zoom Virtual meeting – CCJJ Large Conference
Members Present	In-Person Attendance: Eric Tadehara (for Tracey Gruber), Stewart Young, Richard Mauro, Ryan Robinson, Mark Moffat, Tom Ross Virtual Attendance: Ron Gordon, Becky Brown (for Jared Garcia), Commissioner Beau Mason, Jennifer Yim (for Blake Hills), Pam Vickrey, Chief Sol Oberg, Amanda Bollinger, April Graham, Judge Jeremiah Humes
Staff & Visitors	Staff: Danica Bodley, Dan Strong, Elizabeth Klc, Van Nguyen (virtual), Dr. Michele Leslie, Tiffany Nguyen (virtual), Chyleen Richey, Adam Trupp (virtual), Amanda Martin (virtual), Angelo Perillo (virtual), Ben Peterson (virtual), Bud Powell (virtual), John Draney (virtual), Kara Hetrick (virtual), Katie Fox (virtual), Ken Matthews (virtual), Marlesse Jones (virtual), Mei Xue (virtual), Morgan Williams (virtual), Niyo Aimable (virtual), Rachelle Hill (virtual), Moriah Pease (virtual), Richard Ziebarth (virtual), Sheena Yoon (virtual), Sofia Nystroem (virtual) Visitors: Brett Robinson, Dale Oyler, Abril Espinoza, Kim Gibb (virtual), Michael Dreschel, Carl Hollan, Albert Cramer (virtual), Erin Jemison (virtual), Felix Espinoza (virtual), Max Pierce (virtual), Melissa Wayment (virtual), Moriah Pease (virtual), Steve Burton (virtual), Tim Kincaid (virtual), Allison Heffernan (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 June 11th, 2026. **Motion**: Richard Mauro motions for the commission to approve the minutes as presented. Stewart Young seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting marked a significant shift in the CCJJ executive leadership. Tom Ross announced his departure as a voting member of the commission, moving into a role where he will represent the perspectives of the agency and the Governor's office. Dan Strong has been promoted to Executive Director over the commission and associated duties. Strong will now serve as the voting member, maintaining what was described as the "neutral voice" of the commission. Following legislative changes intended to reduce mandatory reporting, the Annual Offense Report is now presented directly to the CCJJ and the Sentencing Commission rather than the House Law Enforcement Committee.
Agenda Item	**Advocacy Center Biannual Report – *Chyleen Richey, UOVC Director***
Notes	The commission reviewed and approved several funding proposals and reports related to victim advocacy and sexual assault services. **Utah Office for Victims of Crime (UOVC) Oversight** Due to the disbanding of the UOVC board by statute, the CCJJ now serves as its governing body. The Advocacy Center reported on its federal grant:

	● Emergency Assistance: $250,000 has been allocated for emergency payments (rent and groceries) for victims. The program is on track to fully spend these funds by the end of the fiscal year. ● Funding Trends: While VOCA (Victims of Crime Act) funding has stabilized recently, it has dropped nearly 70% from its peak in 2018. **Motion**: Stewart Young motioned for the commission to approve the funding proposal as presented. Mark Moffat seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Agenda Item	**FY27 State Sexual Assault Services Funding Allocation Proposal – *Chyleen Richey, UOVC Director***
Notes	The commission formally adopted a funding proposal for sexual assault services, necessitated by a reduction in legislative one-time funding. The legislature appropriated $1.5 million instead of the requested $2 million. To manage the $500,000 shortfall, the UOVC utilized data-driven formulas focusing on critical services, current needs, and historical deobligation trends (identifying organizations that previously did not spend their full allocations). **Motion**: Richard Mauro motioned for the commission to approve the funding proposal as presented. Eric Tadehara (for Tracey Gruber) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Agenda Item	**FY 2027 HRT Program Recommendations – *Morgan Williams, Program Manager***
Notes	Hospital Response Team (HRT): Ongoing state grants were approved to support sexual assault forensic nurses and hospital response advocates. **Motion**: Stewart Young motioned for the commission to approve the program proposal as presented. Ryan Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Agenda Item	**FY 2023 RSAT Grant Recommendations – *Morgan Williams, Program Manager***
Notes	$333,000 was awarded to the Sanpete County Sheriff's Office. The program facilitates substance use disorder counselors and clinical therapists in rural settings. Discussion noted that while Sanpete County helps inmates enroll in Medicaid upon discharge, they do not yet utilize the 90-day Medicaid waiver for services inside the jail. **Motion**: Richard Mauro motioned for the commission to approve the program proposal as presented. Eric Tadehara (for Tracey Gruber) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Agenda Item	**Annual Offense Report – *Dan Strong, Director***
Notes	The report detailed the legislative creation and modification of criminal offenses during the previous session. ● **Stability in Growth**: The addition of 44 new offenses is consistent with the 2024 (42) and 2025 (45) reports. ● **Offense Levels**: The majority of new offenses are lower-level misdemeanors or regulatory offenses (e.g., DNR/wildlife amendments). There were no new first or second-degree felonies added. ● **Enhancements**: Only two offenses were enhanced this year, a significant decrease from the 11 enhancements reported in 2025.
Agenda Item	**Sentencing Guidelines - HB 274 Process Update – *Dan Strong, Director***

Notes	The Sentencing Commission provided a status update on the mandate to update guidelines for sex offenses and violent felonies. **Strategic Pivot** The Adult Guidelines Subcommittee has shifted its strategy. Initial efforts focused on restructuring the format and "readability" of the guidelines; however, this met with opposition and concerns over potential impacts. The new approach prioritizes: 1. Data Analysis: Examining current sentencing outcomes (probation vs. jail vs. prison) for the specific offense categories mentioned in HB 274. 2. Alignment Assessment: Determining if current judicial practices align with the existing guidelines. If practices have already shifted toward more incarceration, the commission will decide whether to move the guidelines to match reality or use them to motivate different outcomes. 3. Board of Pardons Integration: Incorporating data on how long individuals are staying in prison to ensure guidelines are transparent for victims and practitioners. **Implementation Challenges** The commission noted that updates must account for "technology-related constraints." The state is not starting from "ground zero" and must work within existing data collection systems while moving toward a more transparent criminal justice framework.
Agenda Item	**Public Comment**
Notes	Public comment time was given but none was made.
Agenda Item	**Adjourn**
Notes	**Motion:** Mark Moffat motions for the commission to adjourn. Tom Ross seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously. **The commission adjourns.** The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13th, 2026 from Noon-2 PM. Location: Anchor Location: Capitol Board Room 240 Zoom link: meet.google.com/www-ficc-nnz
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