

AGENDA

JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION MEETING

**Tuesday, 1 September 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, 4 August 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

**Judicial Conduct Commission
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Meeting was conducted at anchor location

Present:

Ms. Cheylynn Hayman, Chair
Ms. Michele Ballantyne, Vice-Chair
(video)
Rep. Jordan Teuscher (video)
Rep. Grant Miller
Sen. Brady Brammer (video)
Sen. Jen Plumb (video)
Hon. Ryan Harris
Hon. Michael Edwards
Ms. Linda Dunn
Mr. Stephen Studdert (video)
Ms. Georgia Thompson (video)

Excused:

Staff:

Alex Peterson
Aimee Thoman
Joe McGivern

Guests / Public:

- 1. Welcome.** Chair called the meeting to order. Public comment allowed, but none was given.
- 2. Approval of Minutes.**

Motion: Ms. Thompson To approve the minutes of the public portion of the 7 July 2026 meetings.

Second: Ms. Dunn

Vote: Unanimous

- 3. Director's Report.** Director updated the Commission on AJDC / CJEⁱ (x5), JPECⁱⁱ (x0), CCJJⁱⁱⁱ (x5), UCCD^{iv} (x0), AOC^v (x0), and GRAMA^{vi}/Press (2) monthly requests. Director discussed information requests from Office of Professional Conduct. Director reported on status of Legislative Audit, implementation of JCC email addresses, and hiring of Case Manager / Privacy Officer. Director reported on 2026 AJDC conference and training. Director provided draft Administrative Rules which were discussed. Director updated status of JCC Confidentiality Policy implementation.

Motion:	Rep. Miller	To update and approve the JCC Confidentiality policy.
Second:	Ms. Dunn	
Vote:	Unanimous	Ms. Ballantyne abstained.

Director shared final version of FY26 JCC Annual Report which the Commission approved.

Motion:	Ms. Dunn	To approve the FY26 JCC Annual Report
Second:	Hon. Harris	
Vote:	Unanimous	

- 4. Budget.** Staff reported on the FY26 budget through June 30, 2026, with total expenditures of \$607,082. Prior year savings and legislative additions to budget resulted in a carry forward balance of \$388,000. The JCC spent 104% of appropriated funds through 100% of current FY. Staff expects no change to FY 27 budget and an authorized non-lapsing balance of \$400,000.

5. Statistical Report.

Number of complaints filed to date in FY27	20
Number of cases pending before the Supreme Court	1
Number of cases under formal charges	5
Number of cases under full investigation	4
Number of cases under preliminary investigation	33
Total number of open files	47

Oldest Case 126 days

Average Case age 34 days

In FY27, zero (0) Public Actions and one (1) Dismissal with Warning has been issued. Two (2) reconsideration requests received to date.

6. Closure of Meeting via roll call vote.

Motion: Hon. Edwards 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: Rep. Miller

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 1 September 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

Tab 3



Alex G. Peterson
Executive Director

State of Utah

JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION

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MEMORANDUM

TO Judicial Conduct Commissioners

FROM Alex G. Peterson

DATE 27 Aug 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 - 2, JPEC - 0, judicial nominations / CCJJ - 5, UCCD - 0, AOC / judicial retirements - 1 and GRAMA / Press - 1.

Office of Professional Conduct 1.
3. Legislative Audit continues. Working with Human Resources to vet applications for Case Manager / Privacy Officer position. Distributed AI training to Commissioners from AJDC conference.
4. Final FY26 JCC Annual Report distributed and posted on website. JCC Confidentiality policy signature collection continues. Updated website with all JCC case dispositions. Staff continue working with Commissioners to onboard new packet distribution process.

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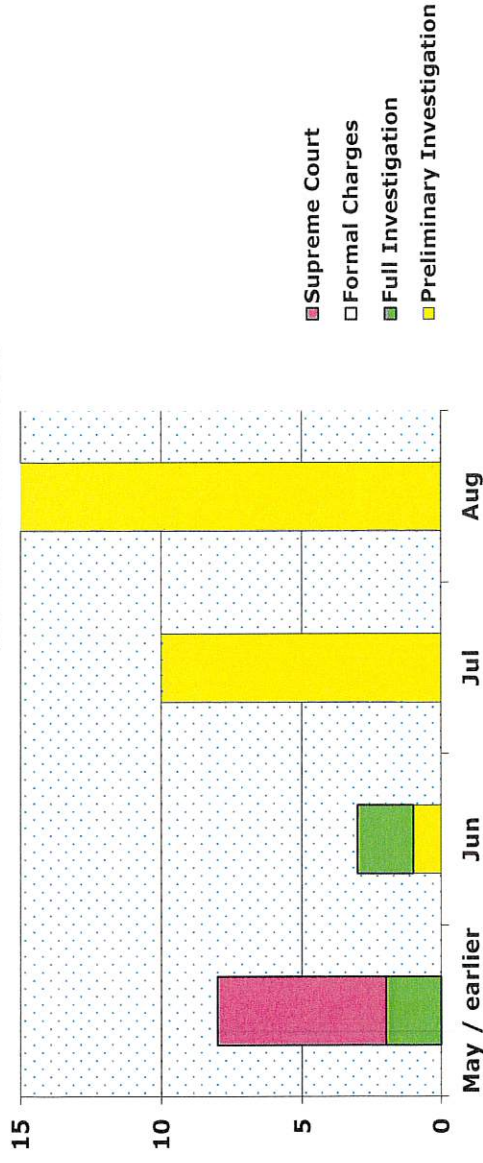
Tab 4

FY 2027 Budget Report - Through July 31, 2026	
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Description	Amount	Balance
FY 2027 Legislative Appropriation	\$656,000	\$656,000
Estimated FY 2026 Savings Carried into FY 2027	\$400,000	\$1,056,000
FY 2027 Expenditures through July 31, 2026	\$33,023	525,017
Percent of Current Fiscal Year Passed as of July 31, 2026	17.0%	
Percent of Legislative Appropriation Spent as of July 31, 2026	5.0%	
Percent of Available Funds Spent as of July 31, 2026	3.1%	
Estimated Carry Over From Prior Years	\$400,000	
Projected Remaining Balance Excluding the Balance From Prior Years	\$400,000	
Authorized non-lapsing Balance	\$400,000	

Tab 5

PENDING CASES



Preliminary Investigation	May / earlier	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total
Full Investigation	0	1	10	17	
Formal Charges	2	2	0	0	
Supreme Court	0	0	0	0	
Total	6	0	0	0	
	8	3	10	17	38 In Process
New Complaints Received Since 8/4/2026					
Net Increase/Decrease Since 8/4/2026					16
					9

Oldest Case / Goal / Previous 152 days / 180 days / 126 days
Ave. Case age / Goal / Previous 33 days / 90 days / 34 days
 Supreme Court & Formal Charges cases excluded

FY 27 to date

Total complaints	FY 24/FY 25/FY 26/ FY 27	183/197/221 / 39
Total Reconsideration Requests	FY25 / FY26 / FY27	28/36 / 5
Total DWW	FY265/FY26/FY27	5/3 / 2
Total Public Actions	FY25/FY26/FY27	3/3 / 0