

Davis Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC) Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: September 24, 2026

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Present: Chair/Commissioner Lorene Kamalu; Carrie Batte, Commission Office Manager; Johnnie Blackmon, Davis County Pretrial; Travis Olsen, Davis County Health Department; Elizabeth Myers, USARA; Judge David Williams; Judge J.C. Ynchausti; North Salt Lake Police Chief Craig Black; Brad Snell; Davis Behavioral Health Todd Soutor; John Trevort, Volken Academy

Excused: UAC Andi Faulkner, County Sheriff Sparks, Managing Legal Defender Attorney Todd Utzinger, Clearfield City Police Chief Bennett, County Lobbyist Cody Stewart; Davis Technical College Tanner Koons

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Items
1- Introductions/Welcome	Commissioner Kamalu welcomed attendees and noted the meeting would focus on updates and partner items. She explained that the September and October meetings were combined because of scheduling conflicts. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held November 12, 2026.	
2- Local Government Information Meeting Update	Commissioner Kamalu reported on the Local Government Information Meeting held the previous evening for city managers, mayors and council members. Five topics were presented, including the proposed Davis County Justice Center. Troy Rawlings presented information on the Davis County Justice Center (State court building in Farmington) and the need for legislative funding. Commissioner Kamalu said the handout used at the meeting would be distributed to CJCC members. She noted that the Justice Center remains a priority of the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Northern Utah Chamber Coalition. She also discussed the potential benefits of consolidating court functions, including opportunities for first-appearance calendars Monday through Friday. Judge Williams shared that the judiciary conducts a weighted caseload study each year to determine the need for judges across the state. The study is broken out by judicial district, and the Second District currently ranks third in need. He said the district is short approximately one to two judges. Judge Williams explained that this directly relates to the proposed Davis County Justice Center. If an additional judge were authorized for the Second District and Davis County were determined to have the greater need, there is currently no space in Davis County for another judge, staff or supporting personnel. As a result, even if Davis County had the higher need, the additional judge would have to be placed in	Carrie Batte will prepare and distribute the presentation and handouts given at the Local Government Information Meeting

	Weber County because Davis County has nowhere to put another judge. Judge Williams further explained that the shortage of judges is affecting access to justice. He gave an example from his own calendar: immediately before the CJCC meeting, parties were attempting to schedule a two-day divorce bench trial, and his first available setting was March 31 of the following year. He noted that some districts are reportedly more than a year out. In response to Chief Black's question about defendants who are in custody while awaiting trial, Judge Williams explained that courts prioritize in-custody matters. His calendar is double- and triple-set through March. When an in-custody criminal case requires an earlier trial date, out-of-custody criminal cases and civil matters may be bumped to make room. He noted that a civil or divorce trial already scheduled months out could then be delayed an additional six months. Judge Williams agreed that delays in civil matters can also affect public safety and law enforcement resources. He emphasized that the issue is one of access to justice, noting that justice delayed is justice denied, while also explaining that judges can only schedule as much as their calendars allow. Judge Williams also explained that many cases scheduled for trial resolve before the trial date. However, the court must still reserve the time because setting a trial often helps move a case toward resolution. When a case resolves or is continued shortly before trial, the newly opened time generally cannot be filled on short notice unless another matter is already set for that date. He said he typically triple-sets his calendar and noted that other districts may set even more matters on the same date. He concluded that the increased caseload and need for additional judges particularly affect out-of-custody criminal and civil cases because in-custody matters take precedence. Commissioner Kamalu said Judge Williams' information would be reflected in the minutes and shared with Troy Rawlings. She reported that the Local Government Information Meeting was well received and expressed hope that it could become an annual county-hosted event.	
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3- State Required Annual Report From Davis CJCC	Commissioner Kamalu reminded everyone about the annual state reporting requirement for county criminal justice coordinating councils. She and Carrie Batte will update the prior year's report using CJCC meeting minutes and information submitted by members. The report is due by the end of November. A draft will be distributed to the group for review. Members will have an opportunity to recommend additions or provide updates from their respective areas. Commissioner Kamalu noted that facts shared by Judge Williams regarding the weighted caseload study and the need for additional judicial officers will be helpful.	Commissioner Kamalu and Carrie Batte will prepare and distribute a draft of the annual CJCC report with the meeting minutes. CJCC members may submit information for inclusion and provide additional feedback.
4- Partner Updates	John Tervort invited members to the John Volken Academy ribbon cutting at its new North Salt Lake facility. Commissioner Kamalu highlighted the Academy's recent graduation and transition to the new facility. Elizabeth Myers thanked the Academy for its support of families, including assistance with moves and other practical needs. Commissioner Kamalu noted that Commissioner-elect Kendalyn Harris is being added to relevant calendar invitations so she can attend meetings and become familiar with county human services work before taking office. Travis Olsen shared information about the Davis Links Resource Forum 10-year celebration. He described the monthly forum as an opportunity for service providers to learn about community resources and network with other providers. He also highlighted DavisLinks.org as a one-stop resource directory for services in Davis County	Commissioner Kamalu will provide Travis Olsen with a brief quote regarding the impact of Davis Links Resource Forums. Travis Olsen will send Davis Links information to Carrie Batte for distribution as appropriate.

	and noted ongoing work to improve the platform, including discussions about greater AI integration. Commissioner Kamalu recognized Sheriff Sparks' work assisting the sheriff-elect with the transition into office.	
5- Conclusion	Commissioner Kamalu asked members to continue watching legislative interim activity and share relevant criminal justice or social services updates. She thanked members for participating and invited them to contact her or Carrie Batte with any items that arise before the next meeting.	
Adjourn Next Mtg: November 12, 2026, 3:30 pm	The meeting concluded at 4:03 p.m.	