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

**Tuesday, 6 October 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:** | **Excused:** | **Staff:** |
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| Ms. Cheylynn Hayman, Chair | Rep. Grant Miller | Alex Peterson |
| Ms. Michele Ballantyne, Vice-Chair (video) | Sen. Brady Brammer | Aimee Thoman |
| Rep. Jordan Teuscher | | Joe McGivern |
| Sen. Jen Plumb (video) | | Corena Hammer |
| Hon. Ryan Harris | | |
| Hon. Michael Edwards (video) | | |
| Ms. Georgia Thompson | | |
| Ms. Linda Dunn | | |
| Mr. Stephen Studdert (video) | | |

**Guests / Public:** Robert Gehrke, Iris Johnson

1. **Welcome.** Chair called the meeting to order. Chair and Commissioners recognized and thanked Ms. Thompson for her many years of service including a plaque presentation. Public comment allowed. Ms. Johnson spoke and raised concerns about Commission reporting. No additional public comment was received.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

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| **Motion:** | Hon. Harris | To approve the minutes of the public portion of the 1 September 2026 meetings. |
| **Second:** | Ms. Dunn | |
| **Vote:** | Unanimous | |

3. **Director's Report.** Director updated the Commission on AJDC / CJE[i] (x1), JPEC[ii] (x0), CCJJ[iii] (x0), UCCD[iv] (x0), AOC[v] (x0), and GRAMA[vi]/Press (1) monthly requests. Director introduced the newly hired Case Manager / Privacy Officer.

   Chair provided comments regarding the legislative audit committee hearing and opened the floor for discussion of the audit. Director reported on the completion of the Legislative Audit, the Agency response, his testimony to the Legislative Audit Committee, the concerns raised by Committee members, and the need to work with the Commission on discussing and deciding on the proposed audit recommendations. Commissioners responded to Chair comments, generally discussed how to move forward, and the need to have a separate public meeting to specifically address audit recommendations. Chair asked Director to conduct post meeting poll on possible additional JCC meeting dates and prepare a proposed action plan to move forward with audit recommendations.

   Commissioners agreed to conduct the next Commission meeting to review complaints and case matters on 10 November 2026.

Director will explore per diem for Commissioners meeting attendance. Director responded to Ms. Johnson's concerns about Commission reporting.

4. **Budget.** Staff reported on the FY26 budget through August 31, 2026, with total expenditures of $76.555. Prior year savings and legislative additions to budget resulted in a carry forward balance of $400,000. JCC spent 12% of appropriated funds through 17% of current FY.

5. **Statistical Report.**

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| Number of complaints filed to date in FY27 | 60 | |
| Number of cases pending before the Supreme Court | 6 | |
| Number of cases under formal charges | 0 | |
| Number of cases under full investigation | 3 | |
| Number of cases under preliminary investigation | 29 | |
| Total number of open files | 38 | |
| **Oldest Case** | | 138 days |
| **Average Case age** | | 36 days |

In FY27, zero (0) Public Actions and two (2) Dismissals with Warnings have been issued. Eight (8) reconsideration requests received to date.

6. **Closure of Meeting via roll call vote.**

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| **Motion:** | Ms. Thompson | 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:** | Hon. Harris | |
| **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 had previously agreed to conduct a public meeting on 10 November at the anchor location at 11:00 am. The Chair approved Commissioner electronic attendance.

8. **Adjournment.**

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| **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