

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission
Regular Meeting
January 31, 2025

Location: Hybrid – Idaho Supreme Court Building

Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Members Present:

Ashley Dowell, Chair, IDJC	Thomas Sullivan, Judge, Magistrate Court
Tracy Basterrechea, Chiefs of Police Association	Todd Lakey, Senate Judiciary & Rules Chairman
Chris Mathias, House Jud, Rules & Admin	Joshua Hurwit, U.S. Attorney, District of Idaho
Monty Prow, Health & Welfare	Jeff Nye, Idaho Attorney General’s Office
Bill Gardiner, Idaho State Police	Darren Simpson, Judge, District Court
Vacant, Public Member	McKenzie Johnson, Office of the Governor
Erik Lehtinen, SAPD	Denton Darrington, Public Member

Marianne King, Office of Drug Policy
Eric Fredericksen, State Public Defender
Christine Starr, Comm of Pardons & Parole
Sara Omundson, Idaho Supreme Court
Grant Loeb, Prosecuting Attorneys Assoc.
Seth Grigg, Idaho Association of Counties

Comprising a quorum of Idaho Criminal Justice Commission (Commission)

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Members Absent:

Kieran Donahue, Vice Chair, ISA	Josh Tewalt, Department of Correction
Melissa Wintrow, Senate Judiciary & Rules	Greg Wilson, Department of Education
Jonathon Brody, Judge, District Court	
Bruce Skaug, House Jud & Rules Admin	

Bernadette LaSarte, Public Member

Others Present:

Shannon McGuire

Agenda <i>Who's Responsible</i>		Meeting Outcomes/Decisions Reached	Due Date
9:00 am	Call to Order— <i>Chair Ashley Dowell</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Roll Call— <i>Chair Ashley Dowell</i> Review Commission's Vision and Mission Statement and Values—<i>Commission Members</i> 		
Commission Management			
	Action Item – Approve December 2024 Minutes Action Item- Approve Grant Review Council Members	<i>Tracy Basterrechea made a motion to approve the minutes from December 2024, Erik Lehtinen seconded. Motion carried.</i> <i>Chris Mathias made a motion to approve the slate of Grant Review Council members, Jeff Nye seconded. Motion carried.</i>	
Promote Well-Informed Policy Decisions			
	Draft Strategic Plan Presentation - Shannon McGuire, Spark! Action Item- Approve strategic plan and subcommittees with action items	Edits: pg. 6 & 8, the Probation and Parole Commission is not listed, and they have a distinct role in this process. There is often a fair amount of confusion about the commission, so where does the commission fit into the cogs/gear? Shannon will add. Pg 9 definition of the “criminal courts” this is incorrect and needs to be reworded. Change guilty or innocent to accountability. Strike specialty courts and change to treatment courts. Pg 10: Middle paragraph; The growing political divides... Will this distract the reader. Could change to Political dynamics are posing... Pg 16 Sentencing guidelines: need something around safety. This was an area a member identified as an area in need of work. We need to give our subcommittees focus areas. That is what pages 15 and 16 are for. There is concern from a few members on putting the bullet points in a document for the public as they will create backlash on the commission. <i>Grant Loeb made a motion adopt the strategic plan with previously mentioned edits and to remove, on page 15 & 16, the bullet points in white and just publish the grey that outlines the subcommittees and also removed pages 17 on from the strategic plan. Christine Starr seconded.</i>	

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		<p>Others feel the document will give context for what the subcommittees will be working on. Maybe we could vote on areas of focus and then briefly incorporate them into the main strategic plan.</p> <p>We don't want to lose the bullet points in the document. For transparency, we publish the subcommittees, but we can keep the bullet points as a document that were brought to the commission for recommended work.</p> <p><i>Motion Carried with one abstention.</i></p> <p>What about proposed legislation? It isn't in the strategic plan. We don't want to give feedback under duress and maybe we need to have those participation/presentations outside of session. It is in the plan a couple of times. The commission needs to develop a process to engage with legislators on proposed legislation. This will avoid having one member engage on legislation and then it appears the commission took a position. We want to avoid this.</p> <p>Maybe we need to get clarification from the Governor on how to address any legislation. What does he expect from us? The Governor's office stance has always been that agencies don't take a position. The process needs to be clear about how and who receives it.</p>	
	ICJC MOU and Cost Sharing Options	Commission will discuss this at a future date.	
	Adjourn	<i>Tracy Basterrechea made a motion to adjourn, Seth Grigg seconded. Motion carried.</i>	

Next regularly scheduled meeting to be held in Boise, Friday, February 21, 2025

“Collaborating for a Safer Idaho”