



Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission

Hakim Hazim
Commission Chair

Bill Thompson
Commission Vice Chair

IDAHO JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION MEETING

March 13, 2025

Zoom

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Minutes

Commission Member	Present	Commission Member	Present	Commission Member	Present
Hakim Hazim, Chair	X	Bill Thompson, Vice Chair	X	Amy Guier	X
Anna Solomon		Calista Jensen		Carolyn Estess	
Dahlia Stender		Darin Burrell	X	Dave Peters	X
Dee Dee Phillips	X	Emily Kesler		Hannah Burrell	
Hon. Cynthia Jordan	X	Hon. Dayo Onanubosi		Hon. Mark Ingram	X
Joshua Weisel	X	Kenadee Gorton		Kimberly Hokanson	X
Korey Solomon	X	Kristen Pelletier	X	Lina Smith	X
Nancy Winmill	X	Ron Stultz	X	Shannon Fox	X
Sam Moore	X	Shawn Harper		Tomi Robie	

Present	Name, Agency
X	Ashley Dowell, IDJC Director
X	Jason Stone, IDJC COPS Division Administrator
X	Leahann Romero, IDJC COPS Administrator Associate
X	Marissa Evans, Planning and Compliance Supervisor
X	Matt Heuring, IDJC/POST Training Coordinator
X	Chad Jacobs, Planning and Compliance Program Specialist
X	Jolene Brooks, Planning and Compliance Program Specialist
X	JD Storm, District 1 & 2 Liaison
X	Joe Langan, District 3 Liaison
X	Shane Boyle, District 7 Liaison
X	Amy Anderson, IDJC Fiscal Administrator
X	Paul Sheppard, Idaho Supreme Court
X	Danielle Osgood, Program Manager
X	Kari Portales, Behavioral Health Program Manager

The *Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission* held a regular meeting via Zoom on March 13, 2025.

Hakim Hazim, Chair, called the meeting to order at **9:30 a.m. (MST)**.

Celebrations/Title II Updates

- Hakim Hazim made the introductions, and a roll call was conducted.
- Leahann Romero updated the Commission that the Governor's Office approved the IJJC appointments of Nancy Winmill, Kristen Pelletier, and Tomi Robie.
- Leahann Romero discussed the Commission's reappointments and new appointments. She noted that Dalia Stender has stepped down as the Chair of the District 3 council.
- Jason Stone notified the Commission that the Urban Institute reached out to the COPS division to highlight the work the Commission and IDJC have accomplished for youth in the state. The Urban Institute toured the assessment centers in Ada County and Bannock County.
- Leahann Romero updated the Commission on Title II funding. The FY21 grant is now available. Ashly Dowell is reviewing the budget and has not received any guidance from the federal government.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of December Minutes

Bill Thompson identified the December minutes stated a roll call was made when one was not. Mark Ingram motioned to correct the wording. Darin Burrell seconded the motion.
(Motion/2nd) Mark Ingram/Darin Burrell

I move to approve the amended December 5, 2024, meeting minutes as posted; motion passed.

2. Approval of New District Council Members

a. District 1 Council

(Motion/2nd) Darin Burrell/Ron Stultz

I move to approve Gerry Benson's nomination to the District 1 council; Motion passed.

(Motion/2nd) Darin Burrell/Mark Ingram

I move to approve Erika Porter nomination to the District 1 council; Motion passed.

b. District 2 Council:

(Motion/2nd) Darin Burrell/Amy Guier

I move to approve Heather Butts' nomination to the District 2 council; Motion passed.

c. District 5 Council:

(Motion/2nd) Darin Burrell/DeeDee Phillips

I move to approve Jaci Urie's nomination to the District 5 council; Motion passed.

3. FY 25 Juvenile Justice Training Grant

- Leahann Romero spoke about the SY25 Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission training grant.
- Marissa Evans discussed the grant process and advised the only application was from the Idaho Juvenile Justice Association. The application scored 95.3% with a recommendation of \$20,000.00. The grant award would cover scholarships and not food.

(Motion/2nd) Mark Ingram/Lina Smith, DeeDee Phillips, Shannon Fox, Cynthia Jordan, and Sam Moore abstained.

I move to approve the grant funding; motion passed.

4. FY 2025 Assessment Center Grant

- Danielle Osgood discussed the FY25 Assessment Center Grant. Seven applications were submitted, with six scoring above the minimum of 65%. The Anchor requested \$38,912; The Bridge asked for \$24,480; Twin Falls County sought \$38,400; Simply Hope requested \$30,000; and Youth ROC applied for \$50,000. Youth Rising did not score above 65%. The total approved amount for the grant is \$250,000.00.

(Motion/2nd) Cynthia Jordan/Mark Ingram. Nancy Winmill, DeeDee Phillips, and Sam Moore abstained.

I move to approve the grant funding for all six qualified applications; motion passed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. IDJC Director update

- Ashley Dowell provided an update to members regarding the activities of the Idaho Department of Juvenile Corrections (IDJC). IDJC actively participates in the Idaho Behavioral Health Council, which comprises three subgroups: Diversion, Continuum of Care, and Youth in Detention. Furthermore, the Idaho Police Officer Standards and Training (POST) is making strides toward merging the juvenile detention and corrections officers' academies. Juvenile corrections officers will undergo training in ARCON for defensive tactics. There was also discussion about the increase in commitment numbers.

2. Financial Update

- Amy Anderson talked about the FY22, FY23, and FY24 budgets. A spreadsheet containing the budget breakdown will be emailed to members.

3. IJJC Updates (Grants, Onboarding)

- Jolene Brooks discussed the Community, Operations, and Program Services grant scoring guide and the orientation packet for new Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission members. Once completed, the orientation packet will be emailed to members.

4. Council Updates/Go Around

a. Tribal Council, Judge Cynthia Jordan, Chair

- The Council is progressing with its Public Service Announcement contest. They approved funding for 18 youth to attend the Unity Conference. Participation has been low, and they are exploring ways to boost membership.

b. Youth Committee, Hannah Burrell, Chair

- Greg Ullman from IDJC's Placement and Transition Services presented the challenges youth face upon release from commitment. Upon release, youth receive a folder containing helpful information. The committee would like to include a Youth Committee flyer in the discharge folder. They have until the end of June 2025 to spend \$19,000.00. They worked on a storyboard for the Youth Committee video.

c. District 1, Ron Stultz, Chair

- District 1 has faced challenges in achieving a quorum. They have two new members and will be recruiting.

d. District 2, Amy Guier, Chair

- District 2 has faced challenges with members leaving and maintaining a quorum. They transitioned to in-person meetings and allocated funds to the Latah County Sheriff's Department for drug awareness training.

e. District 3, Dahlia Stender, Chair

- Joe Landon, on behalf of Dahlia Stender, provided an update. As part of their three-year plan, they had training in restorative justice. They completed two training sessions and are looking into a mentorship program for the district.

f. District 4, DeeDee Phillips, Chair

- District 4 has invited 25 people to the meeting but has been getting around 15 to participate. They meet every other month and are trying to get Child Protection to attend the meetings.

g. District 5, Korey Solomon, Chair

- They created Family Group Decision Making coordinator training. The three-day training has 38 people registered.

h. District 6, Shannon Fox, Chair

- District 6 is reinventing itself due to members leaving and low attendance. They are scheduling meetings for the year and holding them at different locations to boost attendance. District 6 is also funding two members to attend the prevention conference.

i. District 7, Darin Burrell, Chair

- District 7 is promoting the Handle with Care program and collaborating with District 6 to implement the program there. They have two new youth members. Once the expansion of one of the buildings is complete, they plan to meet at the Juvenile Correctional Facility at St. Anthony's. They are considering bringing the probation simulator training from Bingham County to the district.

5. Compliance Update

- Marissa Evans reviewed the Compliance Thresholds released by OJJDP and provided an overview of Idaho's current DSO rates for FY24 compared to FY23. Data included in the Title II Formula Grant Program Solicitation application for FY25 was presented, featuring information on secure law enforcement facilities, sight and sound separation, and jail removal. Idaho anticipates compliance in all areas for this application.

BREAKOUT GROUP

1. Breakout Group Reporting

- a. R/ED - Honorable Cynthia Jordan, Chair & Shawn Harper, Vice Chair
 - Marissa Evans, on behalf of Cynthia Jordan, stated that the committee is updating R/ED data and creating an action plan. They will hold an ad hoc meeting with the Boise Police Department.
- b. Family Engagement - Sam Moore & DeeDee Phillips, Vice Chair
 - DeeDee Phillips discussed the family engagement survey presented at the Idaho Association of Counties Juvenile Justice Administrators meeting. They will explore funding for some peer support training.
- c. Compliance - Honorable Mark Ingram, Chair & Shane Boyle, Vice Chair
 - Shane Boyle updated information on the Juvenile Justice Forum in Coeur d'Alene in July 2025. Attendance is good, but they would like to target judges and prosecutors. They had a brief discussion about the increased number of committed youth.

Hakim Hazim adjourned the meeting at 11:48 am. The next Commission meeting will be held in person on June 12th, 2025.