

IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE CORRECTIONS
JUVENILE TRAINING COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2026

Location:

POST Academy – Plott Conference Room (Building 3) – 700 S Stratford Dr., Meridian, ID; Or, virtually at:

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Time: 2:00PM – 4:00PM MT

Members Present

Voting Members:

- Brent Reinke, Commissioner, Twin Falls County (Chair)
- Sean Brown, Director, SWIJDC (Vice Chair)
- Jay Davis, Captain, Blaine Co. Sheriff’s Office
- Ashley Dowell, IDJC Director
- Shawn Hill, Bingham County Probation Services
- Judge Victoria Olds

Ex-officio Members:

- Matt Heuring, IDJC/POST Acad. Coord.
- Leahann Romero, COPS Administrator
- Audrey McKay, POST
- Paul Shepherd, ISC

Others

- IDJC Fiscal Representative (Kim May)
- Others: Marissa Evans – IDJC Planning and Compliance Supervisor

Note: The order of the agenda items is subject to change.

Agenda	Meeting Outcomes/Decisions Reached	Who’s Responsible	Due Date
Call to Order at 2:00PM		Council Chair	
Financial report for POST budgets	IDJC Fiscal Manager Kim May reviewed the budget report for POST budgets dated 02/05/2026. Most of the budgets remain, with just over half of the 3140 Juvenile Corrections Academy budget spent. No major issues or concerns at this time from fiscal. No questions or concerns from the Council.	IDJC Fiscal Rep	
Action Item – Approval of Meeting minutes from 11/20/2026	Meeting minutes from the November 20 th , 2025 Council meeting were reviewed. No concerns or amendments. Motion to approve minutes: Jay Davis Seconded: Director Ashley Dowell No discussion needed All in favor – motion passes unanimously. <i>Meeting minutes for 11/20/2025 Juvenile Training Council Meeting are approved as written.</i>	Council Chair	

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Review JTC roster for upcoming term expirations	Matt Heuring reviewed the roster for upcoming term expirations. A vote to renew memberships for expired terms will come at the next Council meeting in May 2026. Each member whose term will come to expiration in February or April expressed desire to continue working with the Council.	Council Chair	
IDJC Director update on legislative session and budget impacts	<p>Leahann Romero introduced the age of detainment bill IDJC was set to sponsor this legislative session which aims to divert young people from being detained in juvenile detention centers.</p> <p>Ashley Dowell reported this bill was a product of many discussions with stakeholders and partners across the state, was set to be introduced with a bill sponsor, but Dowell was approached by a different legislator regarding amendments to the bill, adding numerous details regarding crimes that would be exempt from this bill. Director Dowell reported discomfort carrying the bill forward with those amendments, so the bill has been tabled at this time. Further discussion will take place between stakeholders and legislators over the next year on this bill proposal.</p> <p>RS33172 (Senate Bill 1259) was read in committee yesterday (2/4/26) that would allow juvenile probation officers the ability to arrest and detain probationers on probation violations in the officer's presence, as well as detain on judicial warrants. Director Dowell explained this was introduced yesterday and has broad impacts to training needs and length of stay in POST Academy which implies a fiscal impact that has not been addressed in the bill. Additional impacts to this bill involve the Planning and Compliance Unit of IDJC which is engaged in county compliance with standards as laid out in statute. Director Dowell believes the fiscal impact goes beyond the state, to county partners that would require additional training and resources – none of which appears to be addressed in the bill. Idaho Association of Counties has a meeting with the bill sponsor on 2/5/26, and IDJC Director is scheduling a meeting with the bill sponsor for further discussion on the impacts of the bill. Shawn Hill reports he and his chief Juvenile Probation Officer had no knowledge of this bill until its' reading and is surprised this Council was unable to review it.</p> <p>Judge Olds reported she has sent an email to the Idaho Supreme Court Legislative Review Committee on this matter in order to provide feedback to the legislature.</p> <p>Jay Davis reported this bill is concerning as it may implicate a significant cost to the POST Academy for the affected officers.</p> <p>Sean Brown reported no knowledge of the bill either and would have preferred</p>	Ashley Dowell	

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	<p>this body had the ability to provide feedback on it prior to being introduced to the legislature.</p> <p>Leahann Romero reported on an additional IDJC-sponsored bill for a code cleanup clarification on a previous bill requiring state entities post all policy on public websites. IDJC will be asking for safety and security purposes to have some policy exempt from this requirement.</p> <p>Leahann Romero also advised the Council that Idaho JFAC has asked each state entity to provide proposals on budget holdbacks. IDJC leadership met last week and submitted proposals on the particular areas defined by JFAC. Each item was given an impact statement regarding the impact on the community, safety, and recidivism. IDJC sent communication regarding the budget holdbacks for transparency.</p> <p>Shawn Hill reported HB492 is currently in the legislature, awaiting approvals. This bill will provide a seat on the POST Council for a member of the Idaho Juvenile Justice Administrators group (IACJJA) or Misdemeanor Probation Administrator's group.</p>		
<p>Meeting Adjournment at 2:30PM</p>	<p>Council Chair provided opportunity for each attendee to report out on their respective area of expertise. Matt Heuring reported Juvenile Detention Academy #51 will begin 2/19/26 with graduation on 3/13/26. There is a small roster of 14 for this class, but the last Juvenile Detention academy was cancelled for low attendance so it was important to run this academy. Soon after, Juvenile Corrections Academy #5 will begin 04/02/26 to 04/17/26.</p> <p>Matt Heuring also reported the next JTC meeting was scheduled to take place at IDJC Headquarters, but due to extensive maintenance to the building that will require all IDJC employees to relocate to the State Chinden Campus, the meeting place will be changed to the POST Academy.</p> <p>No other significant updates or statements were provided.</p> <p>Motion to Adjourn: Shawn Hill Seconded: Sean Brown</p> <p>All in favor – motion passes unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2:30PM</p>	<p>Council Chair</p>	

Next Meeting
May 7th, 2026 2:00PM MT
POST Academy Plott Conference Room – 700 S Stratford Dr., Meridian ID 83642 (Teleconference Available)