

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission
Regular Meeting
July 17, 2026

Location: Hybrid – Idaho Supreme Court Building – [Zoom Link](#)

Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Members Present:

Ashley Dowell, Chair, IDJC
Monty Prow, Health & Welfare
Melissa Wintrow, Senate Judiciary &
Rules Bill Gardiner, Idaho State Police
Erik Lehtinen, SAPD
Jonathon Brody, Judge, District Court*
Comprising a quorum of Idaho Criminal Justice Commission
(Commission) *Non-voting members

Thomas Sullivan, Judge, Magistrate Court*
Bart Davis, U.S. Attorney, District of Idaho*
Jeff Nye, Idaho Attorney General's Office
Darren Simpson, Judge, District Court* Admin
Carson Tester, Office of the Governor

Eric Fredericksen, State Public Defender
Christine Starr, Comm of Pardons & Parole
Bree Derrick, Department of Correction
Grant Loeb, Prosecuting Attorneys Assoc.
Greg Wilson, Department of Education

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Members Absent

Tracy Basterrechea, Chiefs of Police Association
Kieran Donahue, Vice Chair, ISA
Joe Alfieri, House Jud, Rules & Admin
Russ Wheatley Sr., Public Member
Todd Lakey, Senate Judiciary & Rules Chairman
Denton Darrington, Public Member

Bruce Skaug, House Jud & Rules
Seth Grigg, Idaho Association of Counties
Sara Omundson, Idaho Supreme Court*
Bernadette LaSarte, Public Member
Ross Edmunds, Office of Drug Policy

Others Present:

Jim Cook (For Ross Edmunds)

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9:00 am	Call to Order– <i>Chair Ashley Dowell</i> • Welcome and Roll Call— <i>Chair Ashley Dowell</i> • Review Commission's Vision and Mission Statement and Values— <i>Commission Members</i>	9:08 a.m.	
	Commission Management		
	Action Item – Approve May 29, 2026, Minutes	<i>Bree Derrick made a motion to approve the minutes from May 29, 2026, Idaho State Police Colonel Bill Gardiner seconded. Motion carried.</i>	
	Promote Well-Informed Policy Decisions		
	1. Riders Presentation - Bree Derrick, IDOC; Judge Simpson	- Approximately 2,000 people are sentenced on a Rider annually. 91% of those people completed a rider (around 7,000). - Women disproportionately make up riders. - 25% of all riders are from District 1. - The average probation term after a rider is 4.4 years. - Recidivism rate for riders is higher than the overall rate of recidivism (43% vs 38%). - For women, the recidivism rate is 38% vs. men at 44%. - 66% of recidivists returned with a new sentence, and 33% received a new rider. - 39% of people received more than one rider. - Rate of recidivism increases with the number of rider sentences an individual receives over their lifetime. - There are a number of programs offered on addressing cognitive and substance abuse needs	

		- Aggression Replacement Training (ART) - Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Substance Abuse (CBISA) - Thinking for a Chance (T4C) - Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Sexual Offenders (CBISO) - Advanced Practice - A variety of reentry services are offered, from housing and employment referrals to mental health services and support planning. - The Path Forward - Reentry Enhancement - Inpatient Treatment - Community-Based Rider - Dosage & Individualization - Rider Eligibility	
	2. Human Trafficking Presentation - Jen Rupe, Deputy Attorney General; Major Jens Pattis, ISP	- Illicit massage businesses (IMBs) appear to offer massages, acupuncture, foot spa, or bodywork services, but offer commercial sex services for money. - Cultural acceptance of the industry - ‘wink, wink’, ‘happy endings’, - perception that while commercial sex is illegal, it is essentially harmless when it comes to IMBs. - There is evidence that suggests thousands of individuals nationwide are engaging in commercial sex in IMBs as victims of human trafficking. - A 2024 study estimated over 15,500 IMBs in the United States earning \$2-5 billion annually. - In Idaho, there have been about 12-13 prosecutions for human trafficking in Idaho between 2020 and 2024 and about 1/3 have involved illicit massage businesses.	

		- There are processing centers that supply equipment, support, boarding houses, etc for the illegal business setups. Flushing, New York and Monterey Park California are hotspots for these centers. - There is typically a money courier or setup man. He finds commercial space, engages with the landlord and sets up the space after signing a lease. - IMBs are a demand driven business. 25% of buyers account for 75% of the business. - Tools to combat IMBs. - Investigations focus on owners and courier setups. - Strong state local laws. - Stricter establishment licensing	
	Subcommittee Updates: 3. Public Safety Positions - Chief Deputy Doug Hart, CCSO and Wendi Secrist, Workforce Development Council 4. Coroner System - Kelli D. Brassfield, IAC; Senator Melissa Wintrow 5. Neurocognitive Holds and Placements - Judge Sullivan, ISC and Jared Larsen, DHW	- Public Safety Positions Update: Membership on the subcommittee may need adjusting to help drive forward the goals of the subcommittee. - Coroner System Update: Follow up with the Colonels' mention about facilities. Finances are a key component of discussion as well. Priority of recommendation will come after another meeting and using the guidance from the OPE report. - Neurocognitive Holds and Placements: Mr. Larson will not be available to continue as Co Chair, so Tiffany Rob has been nominated to become Co Chair. The basic premise is that the holds work. However, when the holds are released is where there appears to need some work.	

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	6. Support for Victims - Christine Starr, COPP and Bernie LaSarte 7. Sex Crimes - Tracy Basterrechea, ICOPA and Erik Lehtinen, SAPD	Support for Victims: No update. Sex Crimes: Discussions about replacing Tracy Basterrechea on the committee as he is no longer a part of ICJC.	
	Other Commission Business		
12:00 pm	Adjourn	Adjournment at 11:30 a.m.	

Regularly scheduled meeting to be held in Boise, Friday, October 2, 2026

“Collaborating for a Safer Idaho”

