



IDAHO JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

Hakim Hazim, IJJC Chair

Bill Thompson, IJJC Vice Chair

STATE ADVISORY GROUP (SAG) MEETING
Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission
June 11, 2026 9:00-4:00 PM
Lunch Provided (Working Lunch)

Oxford Suites Boise
1426 S. Entertainment Ave., Boise, ID 83709

SAG Members

Hakim Hazim, Chair	☒	Heather Butts, District 2 Chair	☒	Nancy Winmill, Non-Profit Representative	☒
Bill Thompson, Vice Chair	☒	Honorable Cynthia Jordan, Tribal Council Chair	☒	Oster Hernandez, District 3 Chair	☒
Anna Solomon, Rising Voices	☐	Honorable Dayo Onanubosi, Juvenile Judge	☐	Ron Stultz, District 1 Chair	☒
Bethany Wood, Victim Advocacy Rep	☒	Honorable Mark Ingram, Juvenile Judge (Retired)	☒	Shannon Fox, District 6 Chair	☒
Calista Jensen, Rising Voices	☒	Joshua Weisel, Rising Voices	☒	Shawn Harper, Law Enforcement Rep	☒
Darin Burrell, District 7 Chair	☒	Kenadee Gorton, Rising Voices Chair	☐	Tomi Robie, Non-Profit Representative	☐
David Peters, IDHW Representative	☒	Kimberly Hokanson, Volunteer	☒		
DeeDee Phillips, District 4 Chair	☒	Korey Solomon, District 5 Chair	☒		
Emily Kesler, Idaho Dept. of Ed. Representative	☒	Kristen Pelletier, Non-Profit Representative	☐		
Hannah Burrell, Rising Voices	☐	Lina Smith, Licensed Mental Health Rep.	☒		

Others

Ashley Dowell, IDJC Director	☒	Victoria Key-Walker, National R/ED Chair	☒	JD Storm, District 1 & 2 Liaison	☒
Leahann Romero, IDJC COPS Administrator	☒	Renee Cox, Ada County Juvenile Services	☒	LaMark Judkins, District 3 Liaison	☒
Marissa Evans, COPS Planning & Compliance Manager	☒	Sam Graefe, Program Specialist, IDJC	☒	Alicia Baptiste, District 4 Liaison	☒
Amy Anderson, Fiscal Representative, IDJC	☒	Chad Jacobs, Program Specialist, IDJC	☒	Jeff Miller, District 5 Liaison	☒
Robin Coley, DAG	☒	Jolene Brooks, Program Specialist, IDJC	☒	Stace Gearhart, District 6 Liaison	☒
Kari Portales, COPS Behavioral Health Manager	☒	Katelyn Montgomery, Program Specialist, IDJC	☒	Dustin Bingham, District 7 Liaison	☒
Matt Heruring, POST	☒			Sam Moore, private citizen	☒

Purpose	Subject	Owner
Networking	Meet and greet with breakfast refreshments	Attendees
Open	Call to Order & Roll Call of Members - Hakim Hazim called the meeting to order at 9:10 am MST. - Marissa Evans did a roll call for present members and others.	Hakim Hazim, Chair
Discussion Item	Celebrations Leahann Romero talked about how successful the 2026 Juvenile Justice Forum was in Boise, Idaho Falls, and Coeur d'Alene.	Hakim Hazim & Leahann Romero



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	- Leahann Romero talked about the 2026 Title II submission and what it entails. She also mentioned a separate review by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) of a financial audit. - Leahann Romero talked about the new compliance dashboard created by Laser Fiche. The Department will have 200 licenses to distribute to Idaho law enforcement agencies, and some of the Community, Operations, and Programs Services (COPS) are training on the software. - Joshua Weisel talked about attending the 2026 Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Conference in Washington, DC. He attended the conference with other members of Rising Voices (Youth Committee). - Marissa Evans reported that Leahann Romero received the Tony Gobar Outstanding National Juvenile Justice Specialist Award at the CJJ Conference. Hakim Hazim thanked Leahann Romero for all her help with the Commission.	
Action Item	Approval of Idaho Juvenile Justice Commission, March 12, 2026, Minutes - Shawn Harper motioned to approve the March 12, 2026, minutes, and Judge Cynthia Jordan seconded. - Motion passed.	Members
Action Item	Approval of New Members District Councils - Darin Burrell motioned to appoint Heather Butts to District 3 Council as the Chair, and DeeDee Phillips seconded. - Motion passed. - Darin Burrell motioned to appoint Amanda Leader to District 4 Council as a member, and Ron Stultz seconded. - Motion passed - Darin Burrell motioned to appoint Tim Howley to District 5 Council as a member, and Josh Weisel seconded. - Motion passed - Darin Burrell motioned to appoint Alyson Christianson to District 5 Council as a member, and David Peters seconded. - Motion passed - Darin Burrell motioned to reappoint Korey Solomon to District 5 Council as the Chair, and Judge Mark Ingram seconded. - Motion passed - Darin Burrell motioned to appoint Bethany Wood to the Commission as the Victim Advocate member, and Ron Stultz seconded. - Motion passed Tribal Council - Darin Burrell motioned to appoint Sam Abrahamson to the Tribal Council as a member, and Shawn Harper seconded. - Motion passed	Members



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	- Darin Burrell motioned to appoint Keith Kipp to the Tribal Council as a member, and Josh Weisel seconded. - Motion passed	
Discussion Item	Financial Update – Title II Funding Amy Anderson told the Commission that the State Fiscal is closing and that the 2022 Title II grant is ¾ spent. The District Council Chairs received a fiscal sheet outlining the remaining grants. The Commission has until September 1, 2026, to spend the remaining funds from the 2022 grant. Although the grant closes in September, Amy Anderson encouraged the Commission to submit invoices as soon as possible. DeeDee Phillips asked about the Family Engagement name change and whether it would affect program funding. Marissa Evan explained that the name Family Engagement would be retained while passthrough grants are used in Delinquency Prevention.	Amy Anderson
Discussion Item	IDJC Director Update - Ashley Dowell advised that IDJC had 141 youth in its facilities, close to the all-time low of 137. - Ashley Dowell updated the Commission on a bill introduced to the Legislature that would change the job responsibilities of a juvenile probation officer. The bill did not pass. She also updated the Commission on several legislative bills affecting the IDJC facilities and on new practices adopted. - Ashley Dowell discussed the 4% funding cut and noted that IDJC was able to reinstate the mentoring program and the hiring of direct care staff. The IDJC school resource officer program was moved to the state’s Millennium Fund. - Ashley Dowell discussed IDJC’s Family Shuttle program, which transports families to facilities to visit their youth who have been committed to IDJC. The program operates two to three times a year.	Ashley Dowell
Discussion Item	Effective System of Compliance Monitoring (TTA Program) Leahann Romero discussed the compliance monitoring cohort with the Council for Juvenile Justice Administrators, which some COPS members are participating in to prepare for the CJJ audit. There will be weekly contact with technical assistance to prepare for the audit.	Leahann Romero
Discussion Item	Title II Program Audit Leahann Romero talked about a three-day fiscal audit and will be working with the IDJC fiscal Unit. The auditor will make recommendations.	Leahann Romero
Discussion Item	Juvenile Justice Forum Marrisa Evans talked about the Juvenile Justice Forum and its venues. The main audience included juvenile probation officers and juvenile justice professionals. She also highlighted the post-training survey results, which will inform future forums. Judge Mark Ingram mentioned he was encouraged by stakeholders and their positive impact on youths’ lives, especially compared to when he first began working in juvenile justice.	Judge Mark Ingram, Marissa Evans
Discussion Item	National R/ED Update Jolene Brooks introduced Victoria Key-Walker, the National R/ED Chair, and stated that she liked what the Commission is doing and that it has a great team. She talked about her role in Michigan. Victoria Key-Walker suggests the Commission sponsor justice-impacted youth and send them to the juvenile justice conferences. Shawn Harper asked what she was seeing nationally. Victoria Key-Walker said that language has changed, but they are still required to uphold the law.	Victoria Key-Walker, Jolene Brooks
Discussion Item	Three-Year Planning Presentation and Committee Planning Session Leahann Romero briefly talked about the speakers who would update the Commission on topics for their 3-year plan. She stated that the SAG and Council need to develop their 3-year plans that address the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP) 's four core requirements, and that funding is tied to the 3-year plan. Leahann	Leahann Romero, Alishia Marissa Evans, Renee Cox, Darin Burrell



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	Romero discussed the JJDPa and keeping youth out of detention, and the other core requirements. She explained the roles of the Juvenile Justice Specialist, the Compliance Monitor, and the R/ED Coordinator. - Alicia Batiste discussed the state-wide Juvenile Justice Report, which incorporates reports from all 44 counties in Idaho and can be found on the IDJC website. They have simplified the reports, making them easier to understand. Most of the data was collected from the Idaho Juvenile Offender System. - Marissa Evans discussed some projects funded by Rising Voices (Youth Committee). She discussed the Juvenile Justice training grant, the Strong Minds program, Truancy 101, and Girls Circle educational materials. Marissa Evans talked about how Rising Voices sponsored a Youth Summit that invited youth and featured speakers. - Darin Burrell presented a video about the Handle with Care program. The Commission discussed the program, and Bethany Wood discussed it in her job. The Commission would like to look at the program and possibly release it statewide. - Renee Cox talked about why strategic planning is important for the Commission and other groups. She had provided information to assist the Commission in creating and updating its current 3-year plan. Renee Cox gave due dates for when the Plans are due to her (07/17/2026), when the Plans are due to Leahann Romero (7/37/26), and when the Plans will be reviewed by the Commission (9/10/26).	
Discussion Item	IJC Committee Breakouts	Members
Discussion Item	IJC Committee Breakout Reporting Compliance Subgroup - Judge Mark Ingram reported on updates to the Compliance Plan. In Goal 1, the group would like to include language to eliminate the Valid Court order (VCO), continue supporting and training on the compliance dashboard, and develop and fund a responder-to-school trauma notification model. Family Engagement Subgroup - DeeDee Phillips stated that they will continue developing the webinar series, utilizing both national and local resources to boost family engagement efforts across the state. This subgroup also aims to work with judicial partners to emphasize the significance of family engagement in court settings. Additionally, they plan to improve collaboration among agencies and community organizations to increase access to suitable family support resources for youth and families involved in the system. RE/D Subgroup - Shawn Harper stated that the group examined the 2024–2026 Action Plan and decided to keep progressing with its goals and objectives. Members suggested modifying the language in Objectives B and C to better reflect cultural responsiveness and the communities involved. They also designated lead members for Objectives A and B and stressed the need to involve a diverse group of stakeholders across all goals and objectives to foster collaboration, ensure accountability, and achieve meaningful progress.	Committee Chairs/Representatives
Adjournment	Meeting Adjourned - Oster Hernandez motioned for the Commission meeting to be adjourned, and Joshua Weisel seconded. - Motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm MST.	Hakim Hazim, IJC Chair