

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission
Regular Meeting
October 25, 2024

Location: [Zoom](#)

Time: 9:00 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Members Present:

Ashley Dowell, Chair, IDJC	Vacant, Public Member
Tracy Basterrechea, Chiefs of Police Association	Erik Lehtinen, SAPD
Kieran Donahue, Vice Chair, ISA	Thomas Sullivan, Judge, Magistrate Court
Chris Mathias, House Jud, Rules & Admin	Todd Lakey, Senate Judiciary & Rules Chairman
Monty Prow, Health & Welfare	Jeff Nye, Idaho Attorney General's Office
Bill Gardiner, Idaho State Police	Bruce Skaug, House Jud & Rules Admin
Jonathon Brody, Judge, District Court	

McKenzie Johnson, Office of the Governor
Denton Darrington, Public Member
Marianne King, Office of Drug Policy
Grant Loebs, Prosecuting Attorneys Assoc.
Seth Grigg, Idaho Association of Counties
Greg Wilson, Department of Education

Comprising a quorum of Idaho Criminal Justice Commission (Commission)

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Members Absent:

Melissa Wintrow, Senate Judiciary & Rules	Christine Starr, Comm of Pardons & Parole
Joshua Hurwit, U.S. Attorney, District of Idaho	Bernadette LaSarte, Public Member
Darren Simpson, Judge, District Court	Sara Omundson, Idaho Supreme Court
Josh Tewalt, Department of Correction	

Others Present:

Jason Spillman, ISC

Agenda <i>Who's Responsible</i>		Meeting Outcomes/Decisions Reached	Due Date
9:00 am (5 min)	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 September 2024 Minutes	<i>Denton Darrington made a motion to approve the minutes from September 2024, Tracy Basterrechea seconded. Motion carried.</i>	
	Promote Well-Informed Policy Decisions		
	Strategic Plan Contract/Payment- Ashley Dowell	The Idaho Supreme Court has graciously offered to carry the contract for this. The cost is \$40,000. Agencies have agreed to pay for the contract.	
	Strategic Plan Timeline and Process Overview- Shannon McGuire, Spark!	<p>About spark: Build harmonious and co-creative communities. Feel a sense of belonging and connection. Can access community capital to support their well-being. Recognize their personal power and opportunity to improve humanity. We are guides.</p> <p>How we work: See the whole system. Lead with convening power. Ensure balanced representation. Use data to drive action.</p> <p>Systems Thinking: We move from disconnected space to where there are interconnectivity. We will move from looking at linear process to cycles and how things repeat. From analysis at the granular level and zooming out to look at thing from a synthesis point of view. And lastly, from isolation to seeing where there are connections for relationships. Where are there groupings and look for relationships.</p> <p>Human centered data: Aspirations (hopes for the future), barriers (impediments to success), values (what's cared about), and well-being (daily life experience). We leverage existing data so we can dive deeper. Individuals are at the center of everything.</p>	

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		<p>We leverage the organizations but keep the broader communities in mind as well.</p> <p>Focus on shared human experience. ME (my unique perception) + EM (Their unique perspective) = WE (Our shared human experience)</p> <p>Spark! Method: Uncover challenges (review current surveys and other data), Engage with compassion (listen deeply and intentionally), Align existing resources (engage and mobilize partners), Find strategic investments (use data to design and invest in solutions that create unity), Evaluate our impact (track, measure, evaluate, and report on positive changes).</p> <p>ICJC engagement planning timeline: See PowerPoint</p> <p>Who is ICJC in terms for this group?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -We are cool headed. -There is a lot of experience. I -All are deliberate and take a deep dive. Work on topics and really explore them. Resulting in recommendations. -There is wide representation on the commission. It brings a depth to our discussions. -The meetings are inspiring. The information is very valuable. Everyone cares. Everyone has a connection. -All engaged in public service. -Everyone has impact on others, whether that is direct or indirect. <p>Why does ICJC exist? Why was it created?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To continually improve the criminal justice system. It can always improve. It's about the people we serve. Always trying to improve that service. -To vet potential legislation that has an impact on everyone. This collaboration created good solid laws. -Trying to anticipate what the new trends are going to be. This commission has tried to be proactive instead of reactionary. 	

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		<p>-To reduce crime and reduce recidivism.</p> <p>What is working well?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The connections made through this commission. (Suggestion is to have the legislative chairman invite their committee members to the ICJC meetings.) -Ability to focus on what is important to the state. -The commitment of the members of the commission. <p>What are some wins the commission has had?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Human trafficking legislation -Clean up laws around sex offenses <p>Where are there areas of improvement?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Creating better goals and areas of focus for subcommittees. -Become more of a resource for legislators. -Was heavy on agency reports/updates but the commissioner has shifted to topic specific meetings. We need to keep this going. This led to this revamp of the strategic plan and will lead to more outcomes. -Need to take on topics that we can act on. -Each person on the commission probably had a threat that they could bring to this commission for action. -There is room to focus on what the action can be. It could be as small as a recommendation but there should be some action. <p>What are some the potential area of focus?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Issues around growth. -Recruitment and retention in each area of the system. -Being proactive 	
	Strategic Plan Open Discussion- Shannon McGuire, Spark!	Send out a link to schedule a 45-minute discussion to get your input on the commission. Using that on how to structure the action plan. I will be reviewing all the documents associated with the commission. Will write the plan after all	

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		<p>interviews. They will begin next week. Will be sending updates along the way. All voices will be heard.</p> <p>Convey issues and pain points to the Governor. How do we best communicate this to legislators? What is most helpful to address problems/issues? Best to have recommendations to fix problem v. just stating what the problem is. Maybe a written report to the committees with findings. Or maybe a presentation to the committees.</p> <p>Will meet in person for the November meeting.</p>	
10:30 am	Adjourn	<p><i>Tracy Basterrechea made a motion to adjourn, Kieran Donahue seconded. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.</i></p>	

Next regularly scheduled meeting to be held in Boise, Friday, November 15, 2024

“Collaborating for a Safer Idaho”