



**INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES**  
**South Region Meeting**  
*Minutes*

September 26, 2017  
2:45 p.m. PDT

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**Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:**

1. Mia Pressley (SC) Representative
2. Patrick Pendergast (AL) Designee
3. Judy Miller (AR) Designee
4. Bruce Wright (DC) Commissioner
5. Avery Niles (GA) Commissioner
6. John Fitzpatrick (KY) Designee
7. Angela Bridgewater (LA) Commissioner
8. Sherry Jones (MD) Commissioner
9. Julie Hawkins (MO) Commissioner
10. Traci Marchand (NC) Commissioner
11. Robert Hendryx (OK) Designee
12. Cathlyn Smith (TN) Commissioner
13. Daryl Liedecke (TX) Commissioner
14. Natalie Dalton (VA) Commissioner
15. Michael Lacy (WV) Commissioner
16. Maxine Baggett (MS) Designee

**Commissioners/Designee Not in Attendance:**

1. Agnes Denson (FL) Commissioner
2. John Davis (MS) Commissioner
3. Steven Buck (OK) Commissioner
4. Amy Welch (KY) Commissioner
5. Randall Wagner (WV) Designee

**Compact Staff in Attendance:**

1. Onome Edukore (FL)
2. Jefferson Regis (DC)
3. Karen Coles (DC)
4. Jacqueline Wright (DC)
5. Tracy Bradley-Walden (FL)
6. Tracy Cassell (GA)
7. Catina Martin-Fenner (GA)
8. Kimberly Dickerson (LA)
9. Yolanda Latimer (LA)
10. Corrie Copeland (TN)

**Guest in Attendance:**

1. Kathy Crawford (DC)
2. Jennifer Young Snow (DC)
3. Aisha Ramirez (DC)
4. Lisa McCants (DC)
5. Regina Yorkman (DC)
6. Carla Fults (AAICP)
7. Tamra Gormley (KY)
8. Brett DiBiase (MS)
9. Chad Wright

**National Office Staff in Attendance:**

1. LaVonne Rutten, Training and IT Coordinator

**Call to Order**

Representative Pressley called the meeting to order at 2:49 p.m. PDT.

**Roll Call**

Representative Pressley called the roll and a quorum was established.

**Agenda**

**A. Niles (GA) made a motion to approve the agenda. D. Liedecke (TX) seconded. The motion passed.**

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**M. Lacy (WV) made a motion to approve the May 24, 2017 meeting minutes. B. Wright (DC) seconded. The motion passed.**

**Discussion**

**Executive Committee Update**

- Representative Pressley updated that the Reauthorization of the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A), as it stands now, allows for a 15-day detainment exception for ICJ juveniles. This bill has passed the House and awaiting action by the Senate.
- Representative Pressley reminded that states should have received letters requesting dues be paid. She noted the National Office should be contacted for assistance.
- Representative Pressley reported the Compliance Committee removed Performance Measurement Standard 4-102(b) regarding compliance with transfers being completed within 45 days. The system flagged occurrences if the transfer was completed in less than 45 days.
- Representative Pressley stated that the Technology Committee reported recent updates in JIDS and the majority of the bugs have been worked out. Licensing issues have been resolved as well as system performance issues. Additionally, a new, user-friendly, website is now active. Several forms have been updated, as well as some minor JIDS enhancements.
- Representative Pressley noted a Code of Conduct Policy was adopted and the majority of state Commissioners and Designees have signed.
- Representative Pressley noted that Trudy Gregorie provided information about the social services grant being terminated with the President's proposed budget. Trudy Gregorie suggested that members contact congress members to voice opinions on the grant being eliminated from the President's budget.

- Representative Pressley called on N. Dalton (VA) discussed the introduction of sanction guidelines from the Compliance Committee and called on attendees to provide feedback on the proposed document.
  - N. Dalton (VA) reminded attendees the Commission allows fines to be imposed on states pursuant to the Compact. The intent of the sanction guidelines is to be transparent and fair among all states. She stated there is no arbitrary assigning of any fines. We currently have three compliance related policies. This will limit the power of the Executive Committee.
  - N. Dalton (VA) discussed the changes to the document, including the decrease of penalty ranges to a maximum of \$75,000.
  - A. Niles (GA) asked how fines have been imposed and received in the past. N. Dalton (VA) reported that several states were fined \$25,000. All have been abated due to coming into compliance.
  - Representative Pressley stated that if a fine is imposed and the state does not come into compliance, the state's attorney can refute by stating there is no policy or guideline for the Compact to impose such fine.
  - M. Lacy (WV) noted the guidelines limit the authority of the Compliance Committee to apply fines to states out of compliance.
  - J. Hawkins (MO) stated the guidelines also assist in staff training and reinforcing the importance of maintaining compliance with the Compact.
- Representative Pressley discussed the ICJ Transition/Succession Plan template. She stated the form is not a requirement but a template to use to prepare your state for times of transition. She stated the Regional Representatives will maintain completed plans. When the National Office is notified of staff changes, the Regional Representative will be responsible for supplying that state's plan. She stated an electronic copy will be sent out to states.

### **2017 Rule Proposals**

- Representative Pressley reminded attendees to bring binders to the events tomorrow.
- Representative Pressley asked if there is a particular rule we needed to discuss, such as the definition of runaway that was discussed at length at the previous meeting.
- J. Hawkins (MO) commented that the Rules Committee did not recommend the East Region's proposed amendments and cited the Rules Committee concerns.
- J. Miller (AR) commented she is very much in favor of the new rule 2-106 Request for Juvenile information.
  - T. Marchand (NC) noted her concern about this rule about sharing confidential information.
  - Representative Pressley noted that information allowed to be shared varies from state to state.
- Representative Pressley asked for any comments or concerns on amendments to Rule 7-103: Charges Pending in Holding/Receiving State. T. Marchand (NC) thanked the Rules Committee for the hard work put into rewording this rule.

### **State Updates**

- J. Miller (AR) noted the new Commissioner in Arkansas. She stated she will remain the Designee.
- P. Pendergast (AL) noted issues in Alabama with Delta Airlines and an internal memorandum stating runaways cannot travel on non-direct Delta flights.

- C. Smith (TN) updated that Tennessee is working hard to build relationships with judges and court systems. ICJ representatives presented at a National Judges' conference as well. She stated Tennessee is having statewide training and also created a runaway intake form with field staff. Staff also assisted in writing an ICJ Protocol for courts and detention staff.

### **2018 Officer Nominations**

- Representative Pressley called for nominations for the position of Treasurer. There was no nomination.
- Representative Pressley called for nominations for the position of Vice Chair. T. Marchand (NC) nominated N. Dalton (VA). Natalie Dalton accepted the nomination.
- Representative Pressley called for nominations for the position of Chair. J. Miller (AR) nominated J. Cowger (KS). T. Marchand asked J. Miller (AR) if she had discussed this nomination with J. Cowger. J. Miller (AR) responded she did not. T. Marchand (NC) nominated A. Connor (NV). T. Marchand (NC) clarified that she has discussed the nomination and A. Connor (NV) and she was open to accepting the role.
- **A. Niles (GA) made a motion to accept this slate of officers for the South Region. D. Liedecke (TX) seconded the motion. J. Hawkins (MO) abstained. The motion passed.**

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

There was no new business.

### **Adjourn**

- **Representative Pressley adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent at 3:58 p.m. PDT.**