

**INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES**

*East Region Meeting Minutes*

December 10, 2024

11:00 a.m. ET

Via Zoom



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**Preliminary Business**

**Call to Order**

Regional Representative T. Casanova (VT) called the meeting to order at 11:26 a.m. ET.

**Roll Call**

Director Underwood called the roll, and a quorum was established.

**Voting Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:**

1. Trissie Casanova (VT), Designee, Regional Representative
2. A. Roy Curtis (ME), Commissioner, Alternate Regional Representative
3. Francis "Mike" Casey (DE), Commissioner
4. Edwin Lee, Jr. (NJ), Designee
5. Eavey Monique-James (VI), Commissioner

**Compact Staff in Attendance:**

1. Nordia Napier (CT)
2. Cecily Rexach (CT)
3. Donna Reed (MA)
4. Robert Lemieux (MA)
5. Shyra Bland (NJ)
6. James Maloney (NY)

**Voting Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:**

1. Tasha Hunt (CT), Commissioner
2. Christine Norris (DE), Designee
3. Becki Moore (MA), Commissioner
4. Caitlyn Bickford (NH), Commissioner
5. Jennifer LeBaron (NJ), Commissioner
6. Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden (NY), Commissioner
7. Wendy Lautsbaugh (PA), Commissioner
8. Jessica Nash (RI), Commissioner
9. William Dolan (RI), Designee

**National Office Staff in Attendance:**

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
3. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policies Specialist
4. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist

**Agenda**

E. Lee, Jr. (NJ) made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. E. Monique-James (VI) seconded the motion. Representative T. Casanova (VT) approved the agenda by unanimous consent without objection.

### **Minutes**

R. Curtis (ME) made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on November 7, 2024.

F. Casey (DE) seconded the motion. Representative T. Casanova (VT) approved the minutes by unanimous consent without objection.

### **Unfinished Business**

#### **Rule Amendment Proposals**

- Rule 1-101
  - Representative T. Casanova (VT) reviewed the rule amendment proposal to add a definition of Human Trafficking to Rule 1-101. The proposed definition was: “Human Trafficking: exploitation of a person through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of forced labor or commercial sex. For sex trafficking, the elements of force, fraud, or coercion are not needed since minors cannot consent to commercial sex acts.”
  - Representative T. Casanova (VT) suggested replacing the word “minors” with the phrase “anyone under the age of 18”.
  - E. Monique-James (VI) recommended a grammatical edit in the “Justification” section.
  - N. Napier (CT) recommended adding that the definition of Human Trafficking mirrors the federal definition to the “Justification” section of the proposal. The following sentence was added to the “Justification” section: “This proposal is based on the federal definition of human trafficking.”
  - Director Underwood suggested an edit for grammatical purposes.
  - Representative T. Casanova (VT) reviewed the proposed definition, as amended: “Human Trafficking: exploitation of a person through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purposes of forced labor or commercial sex. For sex trafficking of a person under 18, the elements of force, fraud, or coercion are not needed since anyone under the age of 18 cannot consent to commercial sex acts.”
  - **E. Monique-James (VI) made a motion to refer the Human Trafficking definition rule amendment to the Rules Committee. E. Lee, Jr. (NJ) seconded. The motion passed.**

### **New Business**

There was no new business discussed.

### **Next Steps**

- The next meeting was scheduled for January 30, 2025, at 11:00am ET.

### **Adjourn**

Representative T. Casanova (VT) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 11:37 a.m. ET.