

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2024

7:45 a.m. CT

Renaissance Mobile Riverwalk Plaza Hotel

Mobile Bay Ballroom I & II



Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Commission Chair N. Belli (OR) called the meeting to order at 7:49 a.m. CT.

Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll, and quorum was established.

Committee Members in Attendance

1. Nina Belli (OR), Commission Chair
2. Julie Hawkins (MO), Commission Vice Chair
3. Sherry Jones (MD), Commission Treasurer and Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chair
4. Jacey Rader (NE), Compliance Committee Chair
5. Dale Dodd (NM), Finance Committee Chair
6. Kellianne Torres (IA), Information Technology Committee Chair
7. Corrie Copeland (TN), Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee Chair
8. Stephen Horton (NC), Rules Committee Chair
9. Caitlyn Bickford (NH), East Regional Representative
10. Chuck Frieberg (SD), Midwest Regional Representative
11. Felicia Dauway (SC), South Regional Representative
12. Howard Wykes (AZ), West Regional Representative
13. Nataki Brown, Victims' Representative

Guests in Attendance

1. Patrick Pendergast (AL), Designee

National Office Staff and Legal Counsel in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist

New Business

***Determine whether to proceed with the 2024 Annual Business Meeting General Session as planned or to change it to a virtual meeting at a later date.**

- Chair N. Belli (OR) stated that the weather reports showed a storm brewing in the Gulf of Mexico and was expected to hit southern Florida on Wednesday (the following) night. Weather reports predicted that once the storm made landfall, it would hit Atlanta, Georgia

around Thursday evening. It was predicted to become a strong hurricane by the time the storm made landfall.

- Chair Belli (OR) asked the committee to consider whether to proceed with General Session on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 or to reschedule it as a virtual meeting on another date.
- C. Copeland (TN) asked if the Commission would cover the costs of the ticket changes for those that decide to change their flights to leave before the storm makes landfall.
- J. Rader (NE) stated that when a weather advisory comes out, flight changes are generally covered by the airline.
- P. Pendergast (AL) asked if there was a way to hold the General Session on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 instead of on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 so that all voting members would still be present and could decide to travel Wednesday instead.
- Chair N. Belli (OR) answered that, logistically with the room setup and microphones, it would not be possible to host General Session on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 instead.
- Chair N. Belli (OR) stated there must be 23 voting representatives present at General Session to make quorum.
- C. Bickford (NH) suggested proceeding as planned and determining how many voting members decided to leave. She stated individuals should be encouraged to make decisions based on what they feel is best for themselves. She advocated proceeding with General Session on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 if a quorum is present. If a quorum is not met, then the General Session could be rescheduled as a virtual meeting.
- Chair Belli (OR) stated she would make an announcement at the Training Day sessions that anyone planning to leave early due to the storm should let the National Office know.
- **C. Bickford (NH) made a motion to approve keeping the General Session for Wednesday, September 25, 2024 in Mobile, Alabama. H. Wykes (AZ) seconded. The motion passed.**
- Chair Belli (OR) stated that during the region meetings, the Regional Representatives should ask members if anyone is planning to leave early. Regional Representatives would pass on the information to the Commission officers to decide if quorum will be met for General Session.
- **J. Rader (NE) made a motion to approve reimbursing committee members for any flight changes due to Hurricane Helene. C. Frieberg (SD) seconded. The motion passes.**

Next Steps

- The next Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2024, at 12:00 PM ET via Zoom.

Adjourn

Chair Belli adjourned the meeting by unanimous consent without objection at 8:21 a.m. CT.