

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2025

2:00 p.m. EDT

Via Zoom



Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee Chair M. Casey (DE) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. EDT.

Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

Voting Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Francis "Mike" Casey (DE), Commissioner, Chair
2. Brooke Montelongo (CO), Commissioner, Vice Chair
3. Tasha Hunt (CT), Commissioner
4. Daryl Liedecke (TX), Designee
5. Eavey-Monique James (USVI), Commissioner

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

1. Latosha Mallory (AL)
2. Deanna McNulty (LA)

Members Not in Attendance:

1. Rhonda Turner (FL)
2. April Simmons (IN)
3. Lisa Bjergaard (ND), Commissioner
4. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee
5. Charles Frieberg (SD), Commissioner

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
3. Joe Johnson, Systems Project Manager
4. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist

T. Hunt (CT) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

B. Montelongo (CO) made a motion to approve the February 18, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Chair Report

- Chair M. Casey (DE) reported the Executive Committee approved creation of the Movie Club for RDEI Committee Members and the plan to conduct a poll regarding state human trafficking responses at regional meetings.

- Chair M. Casey (DE) asked members for suggestions for updating *Best Practice: Home Evaluation Considerations for Unconventional Families*. E. James (USVI) suggested clarifying expectations related to promptness and in-state use of preliminary timelines. Chair M. Casey (DE) asked her and other members with suggestions to submit them prior to the next meeting.
- Chair M. Casey (DE) presented UNITY data related to acceptance/denial of requests for transfers of supervision. Members identified minor improvements but noted the need for more specific data.

Report from Human Trafficking Subcommittee

- Vice Chair B. Montelongo (CO) reported that the Executive Committee approved the RDEI Committee's plan for polling states in upcoming regional meetings. She shared a script developed to use when introducing the poll.

Report from Movie Club Subcommittee

- D. Liedecke (TX) reported that the Movie Club Subcommittee met on March 31, 2025, to watch *13th*, which is a documentary about how the country's history of racial inequality drives the high rate of incarceration in America.
- On April 25, 2025, the subcommittee will view the documentary *PBS Cutline: Spotlight on Juvenile Justice*.

Report from ABM Land Acknowledgement Subcommittee

- Chair M. Casey (DE) reported the subcommittee will meet to discuss the ABM land acknowledgment after the *Wednesday Workshop* on April 30, 2025.

New Business

Wednesday Workshop – April 30, 2025

- Chair M. Casey (DE) shared that there will be a *Wednesday Workshop* entitled "Tribal Nations 101" presented by the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Tribal Justice.

Next Steps

- The next RDEI Committee meeting was scheduled for May 13, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. EDT.

Adjourn

Chair M. Casey (DE) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 3:00 p.m. EDT.