

# INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

## South Region Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2023  
11:00 a.m. ET  
Via Zoom



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### Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Felicia Dauway (SC), Designee, Region Representative
2. Jean Hall (FL), Commissioner, Alternate Region Representative
3. Judy Miller (AR), Designee
4. Jefferson Regis (DC), Commissioner
5. Amy Welch (KY), Commissioner
6. Tracy Cassell (Designee for Georgia)
7. Sherry Jones (MD), Commissioner
8. Maxine Baggett (MS) (Designee for Commissioner Robert Anderson)
9. Julie Hawkins (MO), Commissioner
10. Stephen Horton (NC), Commissioner
11. Robert Hendryx (OK) (Designee for Commissioner Rachel Holt)
12. Corrie Copeland (TN), Commissioner
13. Daryl Liedecke (TX), Commissioner
14. Natalie Dalton (VA), Commissioner
15. Lynn Fielder (WV) (Designee for Stephanie Bond)

### Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Patrick Pendergast (AL), Designee
2. Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb (GA) Interim Commissioner

### Non-voting Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Chanda Leshoure (AL)
2. Latosha Mallory (AL)
3. Tracy Howard (FL)
4. Terrance Clayton (FL)
5. Tacarra Richardson (FL)
6. Ryan Smith (FL)
7. Shanice Rhyne (GA)
8. Melina Hampton (KY)
9. Sherri Springate (KY)
10. Yolanda Latimer (LA)
11. Stephen Jenkins (LA)
12. Abbye Tyler (MD)
13. Latoya Oliver (MD)
14. Mason Harrington (SC)
15. Bridget Webb (SC)
16. Quincy Hughes (TN)

**Guest in Attendance:**

1. Jimmy Hooks (GA)
2. Rusty Rodgers (GA)

**National Office Staff in Attendance:**

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Emma Goode, Logistics and Administrative Specialist
3. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
4. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policy Specialist
5. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager

**Call to Order**

Representative Dauway (SC) called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. ET.

**Roll Call**

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

**Agenda**

**S. Horton (NC) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. J. Hall (FL) seconded. The motion carried.**

**Minutes**

**J. Miller (AR) made a motion to approve the November 16, 2022 meeting minutes. S. Jones (MD) seconded. The motion carried.**

**Discussion**

- Director Underwood provided the following on Commissioner changes in the South Region:
  - GA – Tyrone Oliver is no longer in the position of Georgia Commissioner and Shawanda Reynolds-Cobb has been named Interim Commissioner awaiting a formal appointment.
  - LA - Juanita Anderson-Hilton is no longer in her position. Louisiana plans to re-appoint Angela Bridgewater as the ICJ Commissioner.

**Committee Updates**

Representative Dauway (SC) opened the floor for members serving on the standing committees to provide updates of their meetings since the last South Region meeting.

**Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**

- S. Jones (MD) updated that the Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee met January 17, 2023. The committee is taking an in-depth look at ICJ Rule 4-104(4) regarding mandatory acceptance.
- The committee discussed a draft rule amendment and were joined by Rules Committee Chair Horton (NC), Rules Committee Vice Chair Bickford (NH), and Commission Vice Chair Hawkins (MO) for input during the discussion.
- The proposal will be modified by a small group and reviewed at the February 21 meeting.

### Information Technology Committee

- J. Hall (FL) updated that the Technology Committee met on January 10, 2023. The committee created four (4) UNITY work teams to accomplish the committee's work this year:
  1. 2023 Enhancements
  2. Team Tableau
  3. Work Flow Diagrams
  4. UNITY Maintenance
- Additionally, a work group will review ICJ Rule 5-103 (3) and (4) related to failed supervision and related workflows in UNITY.
- The 2023 UNITY Enhancements will be released in five phases and a UNITY maintenance calendar has been developed for the year.
- She reminded states to encourage their field officers to sign up to receive the new "UNITY Spotlight" resource. The new resource is independent of the "ICJ Updates" monthly newsletter.

### Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee

- C. Copeland (TN) updated that Training Committee met on January 5, 2023.
- The committee is discussing potential 2023 Annual Business Meeting (ABM) training session topics. A survey was structured with six potential topics for consideration.
- The monthly "Wednesday Workshops" will return in March.

### Rules Committee

- S. Horton (NC) updated that the Rules Committee did not meet in December or January.
- The next meeting will be held on February 1, 2023, to review new proposals. Several proposals are anticipated for submission by the February 28 deadline.

### **2023 South Region Rule Proposal**

- S. Horton (NC) presented a draft proposed rule amendment to ICJ Rule 7-107: Airport Supervision. S. Horton (NC), T. Cassell (GA), and D. Liedecke (TX) met to review the rule and drafted the proposed amendment to Rule 7-107(3) as presented. The proposal stemmed from past South Region discussions regarding airport surveillance and home/demanding states "notifying" states of airport surveillance. The amendment would change the practice so that airport surveillance would be "requested."
- R. Hendryx (OK) commented about the difficulty of providing a 48-hour advance notice. J. Miller (AR) agreed and suggested this should not become a compliance issue. J. Hawkins (MO) noted that the 48-hour requirement is in the current rule and was not proposed for change. She added that the Compliance Committee is focused on proactive monitoring.
- S. Horton (ND) commented that the focus of the proposal is communication, especially sharing information and a flight itinerary.
- T. Cassell (GA) updated that when Georgia is unable to provide airport surveillance on the day requested, she communicates with the other states and offers other days.

- J. Hawkins (MO) noted other options available should supervision not be available at an intermediate airport include: requesting a 5-day extension; considering other airlines and/or another states for surveillance; and purchasing unaccompanied minor insurance.
- D. Liedecke (TX) suggested adding a clause to the proposal "unless an emergency requires less notice." The South Region discussed the proposal and agreed to amend the paragraph as follows:
  3. Home/demanding/sending states shall ~~give the states providing~~ request airport supervision a minimum of forty-eight (48) hours in advance, unless an emergency occurs ~~notice~~.
- **S. Horton (NC) made a motion to approve the revised draft proposed amendment to Rule 7-107(3) from the South Region for adoption and forward to the ICJ Rules Committee for a recommendation. J. Regis (DC) seconded. The motion passed.**

### Training Topics for 2023 ABM Survey

- Amanee Cabbagestalk explained the Training Committee's ranking survey of six potential 2023 ABM topics and provided the link in the chat. She noted that the link could be emailed if members required additional time to complete the survey.

### State Updates / Concerns

- Representative Dauway (SC) opened the floor for a "round robin" style of updates.
- F. Dauway (SC) updated that South Carolina has been busy conducting field staff trainings across the state by regions.
- D. Liedecke (TX) updated that the Texas legislature is in session. One bill has the possibility of impacting youth regarding destinations for sex offenders and runaways.
- L. Fielder (WV) updated that the West Virginia State Council met in December.
- J. Miller (AR) updated that cases involving runaways and transfers of supervision continue to increase.
- J. Regis (DC) updated that he met with the ICJ National Office staff regarding communications and a memorandum of understanding with adjoining states. He believes all concerns were addressed.
- T. Cassell (GA) updated there have been changes in the Georgia State Agency staffing. Rusty Rodgers was recently appointed Deputy Commissioner to replace Victor Roberts. Regarding the local Compact business, Georgia is experiencing an increase in the number of transfers and working through odd situations with returns.
- S. Jenkins (LA) updated that the staffing shortage in facilities is slowly improving. Packets of information regarding the Compact are being shared with local law enforcement to educate on the Interstate Commission for Juveniles and how to handle ICJ cases.
- S. Jones (MD) updated a change in staff with a new Department Secretary. She has been attending collaboration meetings with stakeholders regarding human trafficking cases and developing policies and procedures to ensure compliance.

The Compact office staff members continue to work hybrid schedules and the Maryland State Council recently met.

- M. Baggett (MS) updated the Mississippi State Council recently met and have new members on the council.
- J. Hawkins (MO) updated that the staffing shortage continues to be a critical issue. A proposed salary increase is being considered as an incentive to retain and hire new staff.
- S. Horton (NC) updated that the state continues to work through staff shortages and North Carolina also is experiencing an increase in returns and transfers.
- R. Hendryx (OK) reported that the Oklahoma State Council met. He continues to work remote full time and Audrey Rockwell continues to work in the office.

### **Old Business**

There was no old business.

### **New Business**

- Representative Dauway presented the following two concerns for input from the South Region from Kentucky.
- Electronic Monitoring Across State Lines.
  - The following issue was submitted by Amy Welch (KY):
    - States putting youth on electronic ankle monitoring who reside in another state. For example: Kentucky Judge ordering and placing a youth on electronic monitoring and the youth resides in Ohio or Tennessee. “What if the youth violate? Can Kentucky charge the youth when the offense occurs in another state? Kentucky case managers cannot monitor a youth that reside in another state on electronic monitoring. I have noticed this is happening in Northern KY/Ohio and Western KY/TN. Are there any legalities? Can they do this across state lines? What would the stance be from the National Office?
  - F. Dauway (SC) responded that South Carolina does not use electronic monitoring.
  - S. Jones (MD) added that Maryland would monitor if it is a condition in the agreement or Court Order.
  - Director Underwood commented that electronic monitoring would be handled the same as other conditions. A primary question should be whether the receiving state could provide it. In terms of legalities, she always advises states to seek input from their state’s legal counsel.
  - S. Springate (KY) updated that the case was not a transfer of supervision. The case was a return with no open case or adjudication. The state had requested monitoring while awaiting the court process.
  - Director Underwood noted it appears the case was not an ICJ case and outside the scope of the Compact.
- Zoom Court Hearings Being Held Across State Lines.
  - The following issue was submitted by Amy Welch (KY):

- If a Kentucky youth resides in North Carolina, charged in Kentucky and never travels to Kentucky for their court hearings. Can a Kentucky charged youth be sentenced at disposition while they are residing in another state VIA Zoom? What if the youth is sentenced VIA Zoom as a sex offender? What are the legalities? What would the stance be from the National Office?
- Director Underwood commented the case appears to be similar as a pre-adjudication case and therefore outside the scope of the Compact. She suggested seeking advice from the state's legal counsel.
- S. Horton (NC) concurred and noted that he had responded directly to Commissioner Welch via email.

### **2022 State Council Reports**

- Director Underwood commented that several states reported state council meetings. She reminded members that the ICJ 2022 State Council Reports are due January 31, 2023.

### **ICJ Rule Proposal Comment Period**

- Director Underwood noted that the ICJ Rule proposals comment period will be April 6 – May 8. This would be a good time to plan state council meetings should your state councils wish to discuss the proposals.

### **Adjourn**

**Representative Dauway adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 12:19 p.m. ET.**