

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2025

2:00 p.m. EST

Via Zoom



Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Chair R. Heide (AK) called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. EST.

Roll Call

Amanee Cabbagestalk, National Office, called the roll, and a quorum was established.

Voting Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Robert Heide (AK), Commissioner, Chair
2. Chanda Leshoure (AL), Designee, Vice Chair
3. Antonio DeJesus (CA), Commissioner
4. Becki Moore (MA), Commissioner
5. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

1. Tracy Cassell (GA)
2. Shirleen Cadiz (HI)
3. Nataly Sevilla (IN)
4. James Maloney (NY)
5. Bridget Webb (SC)
6. Raymundo Gallardo (UT)

Members Not in Attendance:

1. Jean Hall (FL), Commissioner
2. Lisa Bjergaard (ND), Commissioner
3. Nataki Brown, Victims Representative

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
2. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist

B. Moore (MA) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

J. Wald (ND) made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 6, 2025. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business

2025 Annual Business Meeting (ABM)

- Speakers
 - Chair R. Heide (AK) announced that the Executive Committee approved the 2025 ABM schedule.
 - Amanee Cabbagestalk, National Office, reported that she spoke to Melissa Milchman, the Executive Director at the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ), about having the Emerging

Leaders Committee speak at the ABM. She also spoke with Commissioner Sasaun Lane (OH) about youth participation. She asked members for input on the focus of the youth panel and training by the Work Group on Returning Non-Delinquent Youth.

- The following ideas were generated for the session to be presented by the Work Group on Returning Non-Delinquent Youth:
 - Broad training on the returns process
 - Better practices and case staffing
 - Hearing from judges and how they handle complex returns
 - Transportation companies
 - Resources to assist the return process to share among compact offices
 - Awareness of the program problem
 - Ways to use resources to equip internal staff so that they can transport youth
 - Human trafficking and screening processes.
- The following topics were suggested for a youth-led panel as the keynote address:
 - Share their journey and challenges
 - Address how states can prepare 16-to 18-year-olds for success once they leave custody
 - Address how the language currently used impacts young people
 - Identify significant needs that were not met while in detention and barriers that prevented them from receiving it;
 - What they would like the Commission to know.
- A. Cabbagestalk suggested the title: "Pass the Mic: Amplifying Youth Voices." She thanked everyone for sharing ideas.

Review edits to ICJ Resources (Quick Reference Guide for ICJ Cases, Bench Card on Returns, and Bench Card on Transfer of Supervision)

- Chair R. Heide (AK) presented the edits on the Bench Card on Transfer of Supervision and the Bench Card on Returns. He asked if members had any comments on the edits presented.
- Members provided feedback related to consistency, formatting, and grammar.
- T. Cassell (GA) observed that "detention" is not defined in the Interstate Compact for Juveniles and suggested including a definition on the bench card.
- Chair R. Heide (AK) asked members to make more comments or edits, which will be discussed again at the next Training Committee meeting.

New Business

- No new business to discuss.

Next Steps

- The next Training Committee meeting was scheduled for Thursday, April 3, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. EST.

Adjourn

Training Committee Chair Heide (AK) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 3:00 p.m. EST.