# 2025 General Session Minutes August 27, 2025

8:30 a.m. EST Hilton Cleveland Downtown Hotel Cleveland, Ohio

### Call to Order and Presentation of the Flag

- The 2025 Annual Business Meeting of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles was called to order by Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) at 8:35 a.m. EST, August 27, 2025.
- Chair N. Belli (OR) introduced Ohio's Horizon Science Academy Color Guard, who presented the flags and led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Roll Call

Executive Director MaryLee Underwood called role. Fourty-nine Compacting States were represented, along with seven Ex Officio Members representing national organizations. Quorum was established.

# Members in Attendance:

<u>cendance:</u>	
Alabama	Chanda Leshoure, Designee
Arizona	Howard Wykes, Designee
Arkansas	Judy Miller, Designee
California	Antonio DeJesus, Commissioner
Colorado	Brooke Montelongo, Commissioner
Connecticut	Tasha Hunt, Commissioner
Delaware	Francis "Mike" Casey, Commissioner
District of Columbia	Jefferson Regis, Commissioner
Florida	Jean Hall, Commissioner
Georgia	Rusty Rodgers, Commissioner
Hawaii	Shirleen Cadiz, Designee
Idaho	Anne Connor, Commissioner
Illinois	Tomiko Frierson, Commissioner
Indiana	Chris Biehn, Commissioner
lowa	Kellianne Torres, Designee
Kansas	Fareeda Washington, Designee
Kentucky	Melina Hampton, Designee
Louisiana	Deanna McNulty, Designee
Maine	A. Roy Curtis, Commissioner
Maryland	Sherry Jones, Commissioner
Massachusetts	Rebecca Moore, Designee
Michigan	Michael Tymkew, Commissioner
Minnesota	Tracy Hudrlik, Commissioner
	Alabama Arizona Arkansas California Colorado Connecticut Delaware District of Columbia Florida Georgia Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maine Maryland Massachusetts Michigan

24. Mississippi Maxine Baggett, Designee 25. Missouri Julie Hawkins, Commissioner Nebraska Jacev Rader. Commissioner 26. 27. New Hampshire Caitlyn Bickford, Commissioner 28. New Jersey Edwin Lee, Jr., Designee 29. **New Mexico** Dale Dodd, Commissioner 30. New York David Willie, Designee

31. North Carolina Stephen Horton, Commissioner
32. North Dakota Jessica Wald, Designee
33. Ohio Sasaun Lane, Commissioner
34. Oklahoma Robert Hendry, Designee

33. Ohio
34. Oklahoma
35. Oregon
36. Nina Belli, Commissioner
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36. Pennsylvania Wendy Lautsbaugh, Commissioner

37. Rhode Island William Dolan, Designee Felicia Dauway, Designee South Carolina 38. 39. South Dakota Charles Frieberg, Commissioner 40. Tennessee Corrie Copeland, Commissioner 41. Texas Daryl Liedecke, Designee 42. Utah Raymunda Gallardo, Designee Trissie Casanova, Designee 43. Vermont

45. Virgin Islands Eavey-Monique James, Commissioner

Natalie Dalton, Commissioner

46. Washington Dawn Bailey, Designee
47. West Virginia Lynn Fielder, Designee
48. Wisconsin Casey Gerber, Commissioner
49. Wyoming Maureen Clifton, Commissioner

50. **ICJ** Victims Representative Nataki Brown

51. Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC), Gilbert Soto

- 52. Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS), Katrina Ransom
- 53. National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), Judge Kathleen Quigley
- 54. National Governors Association (NGA), Christopher Kinsler
- 55. National Runaway Safeline (NRS), Amanda Whitlock
- 56. National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS), Juan Sepulveda

#### Members Not in Attendance

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Virginia

- 1. Alaska
- 2. Montana
- 3. Nevada
- 4. American Probation and Parole Association
- 5. Conference of Chief Justices
- 6. Conference of State Court Administrators
- 7. Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators
- 8. International Association of Chiefs of Police
- 9. National Association of Attorneys General
- 10. National Conference of State Legislatures
- 11. National Children's Advocacy Center

#### 12. National Sheriffs' Association

#### ICJ National Office and Legal Counsel in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood Executive Director

2. Kirsten Wade Logistics and Administrative Specialist

Jennifer Adkins
 Joe Johnson
 Operations and Policy Specialist
 Systems Project Manager

5. Amanee Cabbagestalk Training and Administrative Specialist

5. Thomas Travis Legal Counsel

# ICJ Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Alabama Latosha Mallory 2. Connecticut Nordia Napier 3. Delaware Erin Breitigan 4. Florida Terrance Clayton 5. Georgia Tracey Cassell Indiana 6. Nataly Sevilla 7. Indiana Laura Hausladen 8. Kansas Liz Wilson 9. Illinois Angel Jones 10. Louisiana Yolanda Latimer 11. Nebraska Abbie Christian Nevada Sharon Anderson 12. New Jersey 13. Shyra Bland 14. New York Shaina Kern 15. South Carolina Mason Harrington 16. Virgin Islands Vaughn Walwyn 17. Virgin Islands Alicia George Virgin Islands 18. Carla Jarvis 19. Wisconsin Jenny McFadden

#### Guests

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1. Carla Fults, (AAICPC)

Wyoming

- 2. Cindy Wang, Georgia
- 3. Michael Garrett, Ohio
- 4. Bruce Graham, Ohio
- 5. Linda Niehles, Tennessee
- 6. Kimberly Parks-Bourn, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

Brandon Schimelpfenig

- 7. Dr. Samantha Sahl, (NCMEC)
- 8. Cherise Imai, Military Interstate Children's Compact Commission (MIC3)
- 9. Lindsey Dablow, (MIC3)

## **Opening Remarks**

Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) welcomed everyone to 2025 Annual Business Meeting of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles (Commission), including those viewing via the live stream. He thanked the State of Ohio for hosting by presenting a plaque.

#### Welcome Address

- Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) welcomed guest speaker, Michael Garrett, Deputy Director of the Division of Community-Based Innovations and Solutions in the Ohio Department of Youth Services (DYS).
- M. Garrett welcomed the attendees to Ohio and applauded the important work of the Commission.
- M. Garrett highlighted the connection between youths moving in and out of states and human trafficking. The consistency, policies, and practices established by ICJ standards enable ICJ staff to be leaders in developing practices for human trafficking screening.
- He reported that DYS is working to ensure all youths served by them are screened for human trafficking and encouraged others to join Ohio's efforts to save young people.

## Agenda

M. Clifton (WY) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

#### Minutes

T. Hunt (CT) made a motion to approve the minutes as presented of the 2024 Annual Business Meeting General Session held September 25, 2024, in Mobile, Alabama. The motion passed.

#### Committee Reports

#### Executive Committee Report by Commission Chair Howard Wykes (AZ)

- Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) presented the Executive Committee Report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. He noted that written reports from each committee were included in the 2025 Annual Business Meeting Docket Book (Docket Book).
- Chair H. Wykes (AZ) presented the <u>10 Years of ICJ Data, FY16 25</u>. The document shares data compiled from the last 10 years on transfers of supervision, travel permits, returns of accused delinquents, absconders, escapees, and runaways.
- Chair H. Wykes (AZ) recognized and thanked the Executive Committee members for their service and leadership throughout the year.
- C. Bickford (NH) made a motion to approve the *Executive Committee Report* as presented. The motion carried.

{Meeting was recessed at 9:12 a.m. and reconvened at 9:33 a.m. ET}

#### Compliance Committee Report by Committee Chair Jacey Rader (NE)

- Compliance Committee Chair J. Rader (NE) presented the Compliance Committee Report.
- K. Torres (IA) made a motion to approve the Compliance Committee Report as presented. The motion carried.

#### <u>Finance Committee Report by Committee Chair Dale Dodd (NM)</u>

- Finance Committee Chair D. Dodd (NM) presented the Finance Committee Report.
- Chair Dodd asked members to review the proposed budget for FY 2027, which was provided in the *Docket Book*. The Finance and Executive Committees previously reviewed and recommended the budget to the Commission.
- D. Dodd (NM) made a motion to adopt the recommended FY 2027 budget as presented. The motion carried.

 D. Dodd (NM) made a motion to approve the Finance Committee Report as presented. The motion carried.

## <u>Information Technology Committee Report by Committee Chair Kellianne Torres (IA)</u>

- Information Technology Committee Chair K. Torres (IA) presented the *Information Technology Committee Report*.
- J. Rader (NE) made a motion to approve the *Information Technology Committee Report* as presented. The motion carried.

### Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Report by Chair Mike Casey (DE)

- Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee Chair M. Casey (DE) presented the RDEI Committee Report.
- E. James (VI) made a motion to approve the *Racial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Report* as presented. The motion carried.

{Meeting was recessed at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened at 10:35 a.m. ET}

## Rules Committee Report by Committee Chair Julie Hawkins (MO)

- Rules Committee Chair J. Hawkins (MO) presented the Rules Committee Report.
- Rules Committee Chair J. Hawkins (MO) presented proposed amendments to the ICJ Rules.

#### Rule 4-102: Sending and Receiving Referrals (submitted by the Rules Committee)

- Rules Committee Chair J. Hawkins (MO) presented the proposed amendments to Rule 4-102,
   Sending and Receiving Referrals, as submitted by the Rules Committee.
- J. Hawkins (MO) made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Rule 4-102, Sending and Receiving Referrals, submitted by the Rules Committee as presented. The motion passed by a 46-3-0 vote.

# Rule 4-103: Transfer of Supervision Procedures for Juvenile Sex Offenders (submitted by the Rules Committee)

- Rules Committee Chair J. Hawkins (MO) presented the proposed amendments to Rule 4-103, Transfer of Supervision Procedures for Juvenile Sex Offenders, as submitted by the Rules Committee.
- J. Hawkins (MO) made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Rule 4-103, Transfer of Supervision Procedures for Juvenile Sex Offenders, submitted by the Rules Committee as presented. The motion passed by a 44-5-0 vote.

# Rule 5-103A: Mandatory Relocation Determined by Receiving State (submitted by the Rules Committee)

- Rules Committee Chair J. Hawkins (MO) presented the proposed amendment to Rule 5-103A,
   Mandatory Relocation Determined by Receiving State, as submitted by the Rules Committee.
- J. Hawkins (MO) made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Rule 5-103A, Mandatory Relocation Determined by Receiving State, submitted by the Rules Committee as presented. The motion passed by a 43-5-0 vote.

# Rule 6-102: Voluntary Return of Runaways, Probation/Parole Absconders, Escapees or Accused Delinquents and Accused Status Offenders (submitted by the Rules Committee)

- Rules Committee Chair J. Hawkins (MO) presented the proposed amendment to Rule 6-102, Voluntary Return of Runaways, Probation/Parole Absconders, Escapees or Accused Delinquents and Accused Status Offenders, as submitted by the Rules Committee.
- J. Hawkins (MO) made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Rule 6-102, Voluntary Return of Runaways, Probation/Parole Absconders, Escapees or Accused Delinquents and Accused Status Offenders, submitted by the Rules Committee as presented. The motion passed by a 47-2-0 vote.

## Rule 8-101: Travel Permits (submitted by the Rules Committee)

- Rules Committee Chair J. Hawkins (MO) presented the proposed amendment to Rule 8-101,
   Travel Permits, as submitted by the Rules Committee.
- J. Hawkins (MO) made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Rule 8-101, Travel
   Permits, submitted by the Rules Committee as presented. The motion passed by a 47-1-0 vote.

#### **Rule 1-101: Definitions Human Trafficking** (submitted by the East Region)

- Rules Committee Chair J. Hawkins (MO) presented the proposed amendment to Rule 1-101,
   Definitions Human Trafficking, as submitted by the East Region.
- T. Casanova (VT) made a motion to adopt the proposed amendments to Rule 1-101, Definitions
  Human Trafficking, submitted by the East Region as presented. The motion did not pass with a
  16-31-2 vote.

## Rule 4-104: Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision (submitted by the Midwest Region)

- Rules Committee Chair J. Hawkins (MO) presented the proposed amendment to Rule 4-104,
   Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision, as submitted by the Midwest Region.
- J. Rader (NE) made a motion to adopt the proposed amendment to Rule 4-104, Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision, submitted by the Midwest Committee as presented. The motion passed by a 46-3-0 vote.
- Rules Committee Chair J. Hawkins (MO) stated that the amended ICJ Rules will take effect on April 1, 2026.
- R. Rodgers (GA) made a motion to approve the Rules Committee Report as presented. The motion carried.

#### Training, Education, & Public Relations Committee Report by Committee Vice Chair Chanda Leshoure (AL)

- Training Committee Vice Chair C. Leshoure (AL) presented the Training Committee Report.
- J. Hall (FL) made a motion to approve the Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee Report as presented. The motion carried.

## Work Group on Returning Non-Delinquent Youth Report by Chair Caitlyn Bickford (NH)

- Work Group on Returning Non-Delinquent Youth Chair C. Bickford (NH) presented the Work Group Report.
- K. Torres (IA) made a motion to approve the Work Group on Returning Non-Delinquent Youth Report as presented. The motion carried.

{Meeting was recessed at 11:52 a.m. and reconvened at 1:35 p.m. ET}

### Region Reports

Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) reported regional representatives decided to utilize region meetings as opportunities for the discussion of hot topics, share resources, and updates from committee ambassadors. The regional meetings provide an opportunity for members to provide feedback on prominent issues. This feedback is critical for ensuring effective implementation of important initiatives.

#### East Region Report by Regional Representative Trissie Casanova (VT)

- East Regional Representative T. Casanova (VT) presented the East Region Report.
- E. James (VI) made a motion to accept the East Regional Report as presented. The motion passed.

#### Midwest Region Report by Regional Representative Jacey Rader (NE)

- Midwest Regional Representative J. Rader (NE) presented the Midwest Region Report.
- C. Frieberg (SD) made a motion to approve the Midwest Regional Report as presented. The motion passed.

### South Region Report by Regional Representative Felicia Dauway (SC)

- South Regional Representative F. Dauway (SC) presented the South Region Report.
- R. Hendryx (OK) made a motion to accept the *South Regional Report* as presented. The motion passed.

### West Region Report by Regional Representative Nina Belli (OR)

- West Regional Representative N. Belli (OR) presented the West Region Report.
- D. Dodd (NM) made a motion to approve the West Regional Report as presented. The motion passed.

#### Legal Counsel Report

- Tom Travis, Legal Counsel, presented the *Legal Counsel Report*.
- N. Belli (OR) made a motion to approve the Legal Counsel Report as presented. The motion passed.

# Recognition of Committee Vice-Chairs and Alternate Regional Representatives

- Commission Vice Chair C. Bickford (NH) recognized the following committee vice chairs and alternate regional representatives:
  - o Compliance Committee Vice Chair, Michael Tymkew (MI)
  - o Finance Committee Vice Chair, Anne Connor (ID)
  - o Information Technology Committee Vice Chair, Roy Curtis (ME)
  - o Racial DEI Committee Vice Chair, Brooke Montelongo (CO)
  - o Rules Committee Vice Chair, Stephen Horton (NC)
  - o Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee Vice Chair, Chanda Leshoure (AL)
  - o Alternate East Regional Representative, Roy Curtis (ME)
  - o Alternate Midwest Regional Representative, Casey Gerber (WI)
  - o Alternate South Regional Representative, Jean Hall (FL)
  - o Alternate West Regional Representative, Antonio DeJesus (CA)

#### Staff Recognition

- Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) announced that, throughout the year, Commission members are invited to recognize someone who goes beyond the general call of duty to reach a conclusion or solution that best serves public safety. This year, Staff Recognition nominations were submitted for the following exceptional individuals who were recognized by their peers for going above and beyond the call of duty.
  - o Leslie Archibald, New Mexico
  - o Antonio DeJesus, California
  - o William Dolan, Rhode Island
  - o Teecara Richardson, Florida
  - o Bryan Stephens, California

# Legacy and Rising Star Awards

Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) shared that the Legacy Award was created to recognize individuals who have worked in a state ICJ office for 15 or more years. The Rising Star Award was created to recognize an up-and-coming ICJ staff who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills. No nominations were received for these awards.

#### Leadership Award

- Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) shared that the ICJ Leadership Award was established in 2015 to recognize outstanding leadership skills and dedication to the Interstate Commission for Juveniles through extraordinary service. Five outstanding individuals were nominated.
- Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) presented the 2025 ICJ Leadership Award to Sherry Jones, ICJ Commissioner for Maryland.

#### Recognition

 Commission Immediate Past Chair N. Belli (OR) presented Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) with a token of appreciation for his leadership, dedication, commitment, and contributions as the Commission Chair.

{Meeting was recessed at 11:32 p.m. and reconvened at 1:09 p.m. ET}

#### Old Business

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

There is no new business.

# Call to the Public

Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) opened the meeting for comments from the public. There were none.

#### 2026 Officer Elections

 Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) invited Judge Kathleen Quigley to the podium to conduct elections. Judge Quigley served as the President of the NCJFCJ and a judge for the Pima County Superior Court in Arizona.  Judge Quigley read Article III of the <u>Commission's Bylaws</u>, which outlines the election and succession of Commission officers.

# 2026 Commission Treasurer

- Judge Quigley presented the nominee for the position of Commission Treasurer, Dale Dodd, Commissioner from New Mexico.
- Judge Quigley opened the floor for further nominations.
- C. Copeland (TN) nominated A. Connor (ID) as Treasurer.
- A. Connor (ID) accepted the nomination.
- F. Dauway (SC) made a motion to close nominations for the position of Commission Treasurer. The motion passed.
- Each candidate addressed the Commission with their qualifications and experience to serve as treasurer.
- The Commission's audience response system (ARS) electronic device was used to vote.
- Judge Quigley announced that D. Dodd (NM) was elected as the ICJ Treasurer.

# 2026 Commission Vice Chair

- Judge Quigley presented the nominee for the position of Commission Vice Chair, Sherry Jones,
   Commissioner from Maryland.
- Judge Quigley opened the floor for further nominations.
- N. Dalton (VA) nominated S. Horton (NC) for the Commissions Vice Chair.
- S. Horton (NC) accepted the nomination.
- R. Rodgers (GA) made a motion to close nominations for the position of Commission Vice Chair. The motion passed.
- Each candidate addressed the Commission with their qualifications and experience to serve as Vice Chair.
- The Commission's audience response system (ARS) electronic device was used to vote.
- Judge Quigley announced that S. Horton (NC) was elected for the position of Vice Chair.

#### 2026 Commission Chair

- Judge Quigley presented the nominee for the position of Commission Chair, Howard Wykes, Commissioner from Arizona.
- Judge Quigley opened the floor for further nominations. There were none.
- J. Hawkins (MO) made a motion to close nominations for the position of Commission Chair. The motion passed.
- Judge Quigley announced that Howard Wykes (AZ) was elected by acclamation for the position of Commission Chair for 2026.

### Oath of Office

- The newly elected officers were asked to stand to repeat the oath of office administered by Judge Quigley.
- Commission Chair Howard Wykes (AZ) thanked Judge Quigley for conducting the officer elections and administering the oath of office.

#### 2026 Annual Business Meeting

The 2026 ICJ Annual Business Meeting will be held in Portland, Maine, August 31-September 2, 2026.

Adjourn
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