

Interstate Commission for Juveniles
2026 Annual Business Meeting
General Session Minutes
September 2, 2026
1:30 p.m. EDT
Holiday Inn By the Bay
Portland, Maine

Call to Order and Presentation of the Flag

- The 2026 Annual Business Meeting of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles was called to order by Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) at September 2, 2026, 1:31 p.m. EDT.
- Chair H. Wykes (AZ) introduced Maine Department of Corrections Honor Guard, who presented the flags and led attendees in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

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

Members in Attendance:

1.	Alabama	Chanda Leshoure, Designee
2.	Alaska	Christopher Keys, Designee
3.	Arizona	Howard Wykes, Designee
4.	Arkansas	Judy Miller, Designee
5.	California	Antonio DeJesus, Commissioner
6.	Colorado	Brooke Montelongo, Commissioner
7.	Connecticut	Tasha Hunt, Commissioner
8.	Delaware	Francis “Mike” Casey, Commissioner
9.	District of Columbia	Jefferson Regis, Commissioner
10.	Florida	Jean Hall, Commissioner
11.	Georgia	Robb Gilstrap Commissioner
12.	Hawaii	Kristen Davidson, Commissioner
13.	Idaho	Leahann Romero, Commissioner
14.	Illinois	Tomiko Frierson, Commissioner
15.	Indiana	Chris Biehn, Commissioner
16.	Iowa	Kellianne Torres, Designee
17.	Kansas	Fareeda Washington, Designee
18.	Kentucky	Melina Hampton, Designee
19.	Louisiana	Angela Bridgewater, Commissioner

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20. Maine — A. Roy Curtis, Commissioner
21. Maryland — Sherry Jones, Commissioner
22. Massachusetts — Robert Lemieux, Designee
23. Michigan — Michael Tymkew, Commissioner
24. Minnesota — Tracy Hudrlik, Commissioner
25. Mississippi — Sonya Dixon, Designee
26. Missouri — Julie Hawkins, Commissioner
27. Nebraska — Abbie Christian, Commissioner
28. Nevada — Sharon Anderson, Commissioner
29. New Hampshire — Caitlyn Bickford, Commissioner
30. New Jersey — Edwin Lee, Jr., Designee
31. New Mexico — Dale Dodd, Commissioner
32. New York — Nicholas Steinbock-Pratt, Designee
33. North Carolina — Stephen Horton, Commissioner
34. North Dakota — Jessica Wald, Designee
35. Ohio — Sarah McCoy, Commissioner
36. Oregon — Nina Belli, Commissioner
37. Pennsylvania — Kelsey Kehoe, Commissioner
38. Rhode Island — William Dolan, Designee
39. South Carolina — Felicia Dauway, Designee
40. South Dakota — Charles Frieberg, Commissioner
41. Tennessee — Corrie Copeland, Commissioner
42. Texas — Daryl Liedecke, Designee
43. Utah — Raymunda Gallardo, Designee
44. Vermont — Trissie Casanova, Designee
45. Virginia — Natalie Dalton, Commissioner
46. Virgin Islands — Vaughn Walwyn, Commissioner
47. Washington — Dawn Bailey, Designee
48. West Virginia — Lynn Fielder, Designee
49. Wisconsin — Casey Gerber, Commissioner
50. Wyoming — Maureen Clifton, Commissioner
51. American Probation and Parole Association (APPA), Delores Johnson
52. Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (AAICPC), Gilbert Soto
53. Council of Juvenile Justice Administrators (CJJA), Lisa Bjergaard
54. Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS), David Cady
55. National Children's Advocacy Center, Chris Newlin
56. National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ), Judge Amanda Heath
57. National Governors Association (NGA), Maria Kearl
58. National Runaway Safeline (NRS), Amanda Whitlock
56. National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), Sheriff Carlos Turner

Members Not in Attendance

1. Oklahoma
2. ICJ Victims Representative

3. Conference of Chief Justices (CCJ)
4. Conference of State Court Administrators (COSCA)
5. International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP)
6. National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG)
7. National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
8. National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS)

ICJ National Office and Legal Counsel in Attendance:

1.	MaryLee Underwood	Executive Director
2.	Kirsten Wade	Logistics and Administrative Specialist
3.	Jennifer	Director of Operations, Rules, and Compliance
4.	Joe Johnson	Technology Systems Manager
5.	Amanee Cabbagestalk	Training and Development Manager
6.	Thomas Travis	Legal Counsel

ICJ Office Staff in Attendance:

1.	Colorado	Danielle Dyvig
2.	Connecticut	Nordia Napier
3.	Delaware	Erin Breitigan
4.	Florida	Rhonda Turner
5.	Georgia	Tracey Cassell
6.	Idaho	Audrey McKay
7.	Indiana	Antwanita Brooks
8.	Indiana	April Simmons
9.	Louisiana	Yolanda Latimer-Hampton
10.	Louisiana	Tennia Williams
11.	Minnesota	Rebecca Hillestead
12.	Mississippi	Marketta Motton
13.	Mississippi	Janet Self
14.	New Jersey	Shyra Bland
15.	New York	Shaina Kern
16.	North Carolina	Alan Garrett
17.	Pennsylvania	Sarah Treven
18.	South Carolina	Mason Harrington
19.	South Carolina	Bridget Webb
20.	Utah	Daniel Meza-Rincon
21.	Virgin Islands	Alicia George
22.	Virgin Islands	Carla Jarvis
23.	Wisconsin	Jenny McFadden
24.	Wyoming	Brandon Schimelpfenig

Guests

1. Cindy Wang, Georgia
2. Linda Niehles, Tennessee
3. Shawn Hill, Idaho
4. Madeline Hehir, New York

Opening Remarks

Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) welcomed everyone to the 2026 Annual Business Meeting of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles (Commission) and thanked the State of Maine for hosting by presenting a plaque.

Agenda

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

Minutes

B. Montelongo (CO) made a motion to approve the minutes as presented at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting General Session held August 27, 2025, in Cleveland, Ohio. 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) 2026. He noted that written reports from each committee were included in the *2026 Annual Business Meeting Docket Book (Docket Book)*.
- Chair H. Wykes (AZ) recognized and thanked the Executive Committee members for their service and leadership throughout the year.
- S. Jones (MD) made a motion to approve the *Executive Committee Report* as presented. The motion carried.

Commission Treasurer Report by Treasurer Dale Dodd (NM)

- Treasurer D. Dodd (NM) presented the *Treasurer Report.*
- S. Horton (NC) made a motion to approve the *Commission Treasurer Report* as presented. The motion carried.

Compliance Committee Report by Committee Chair Michael Tymkew (MI)

- Compliance Committee Chair M. Tymkew (MI) presented the *Compliance Committee Report*.
- K. Torres (IA) made a motion to approve the *Compliance Committee Report* as presented. The motion carried.

Finance Committee Report by Committee Chair Correnthia Copeland (TN)

- Finance Committee Chair C. Copeland (TN) presented the *Finance Committee Report*.
- Chair Copeland asked members to review the proposed budget for FY 2028, which was provided in the *Docket Book*. The Finance and Executive Committees previously reviewed and recommended the budget to the Commission.
- C. Copeland (TN) made a motion to adopt the recommended FY 2028 budget as presented. The motion carried.
- J. Hall (FL) made a motion to approve the *Finance Committee Report* as presented. The motion carried.

Information Technology Committee Report by Committee Chair Kellianne Torres (IA)

- Information Technology Committee Chair K. Torres (IA) presented the *Information Technology Committee Report*.

- C. Copeland (TN) 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*.
- B. Montelongo (CO) made a motion to approve the *Racial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Report* as presented. The motion carried.

Rules Committee Report by Committee Chair Julie Hawkins (MO)

- Rules Committee Chair J. Hawkins (MO) presented the *Rules Committee Report.*
- C. Bickford (NH) made a motion to approve the *Rules Committee Report* as presented. The motion carried.

{Meeting was recessed at 2:27 p.m. and reconvened at 2:44 p.m. EDT}

Training, Education, & Public Relations Committee Report by Committee Chair Raymundo Gallardo (UT)

- Training Committee Chair R. Gallardo (UT) presented the *Training Committee Report*.
- J. Hawkins (MO) 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 Roy Curtis (ME)

- Work Group on Returning Non-Delinquent Youth Chair R. Curtis (ME) presented the *Work Group Report.*
- C. Bickford (NH) made a motion to approve the Work Group on Returning Non-Delinquent Youth Report as presented. The motion carried.

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*.
- M. Barthel (MT) made a motion to accept the *East Regional Report* as presented. The motion passed.

Midwest Region Report by Regional Alternate Representative Casey Gerber (WI)

- Midwest Regional Alternate Representative C. Gerber (WI) presented the *Midwest Region Report.*
- T. Frierson (IL) 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*.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) announced that C. Copeland (TN) was elected the South Regional Representative.
- S. Horton (NC) 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*.
- A. DeJesus (CA) 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*.
- D. Dodd (NM) 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 S. Horton (NC) recognized the following committee vice chairs and alternate regional representatives:
  - Compliance Committee Vice Chair, Michael Tymkew (MI)
  - Finance Committee Vice Chair, Corrie Copeland (TN)
  - Information Technology Committee Vice Chair, Roy Curtis (ME)
  - Racial DEI Committee Vice Chair, Brooke Montelongo (CO)
  - Rules Committee Vice Chair, Natalie Dalton (VA)
  - Alternate East Regional Representative, Roy Curtis (ME)
  - Alternate Midwest Regional Representative, Casey Gerber (WI)
  - Alternate South Regional Representative, Jean Hall (FL)
  - Alternate West Regional Representative, Antonio DeJesus (CA)

Rising Star Award

- Commission Vice Chair S. Horton (NC) shared that the Rising Star Award was created to recognize an up-and-coming ICJ staff who have demonstrated excellent leadership skills.
- Commission Vice Chair S. Horton (NC) presented the 2026 ICJ Rising Star Award to Alan Garret, ICJ Office staff for North Carolina.

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 Commission through extraordinary service. Five outstanding individuals were nominated.
- Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) presented the 2026 ICJ Leadership Award to Kellianne Torres, ICJ Deputy Compact Administrator in Iowa.

Officer Appreciation

- Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) shared that Commission officers meet regularly for organization and planning.
- Chair H. Wykes (AZ) recognized and thanked Vice Chair S. Horton (NC) and Treasurer D. Dodd (NM) for their dedication and hard work.

Chair Appreciation

- Commission Vice Chair S. Horton (NC) thanked Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) for his hard work, leadership, and dedication to the Commission.

Unfinished Business

- There was no unfinished 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.

2027 Officer Elections

- Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) invited Judge Amanda Heath to the podium to conduct elections. Judge Heath served as the President of the NCJFCJ and a judge for the Augusta Superior Court in Georgia.
- Judge Heath read Article III of the Commission's Bylaws, which outlines the election and succession requirements of Commission officers.

2027 Commission Treasurer

- Judge Heath presented the nominee for the position of Commission Treasurer, Dale Dodd, Commissioner from New Mexico.
- Judge Heath opened the floor for further nominations. There were none.
- N. Belli (OR) made a motion to close nominations for the position of Commission Treasurer. The motion passed.
- Judge Heath announced that Dale Dodd (NM) was elected by acclamation for the position of Commission Treasurer for 2027.

2027 Commission Vice Chair

- Judge Heath presented the nominee for the position of Commission Vice Chair, Felicia Dauway, Commissioner's Designee from South Carolina, and Antonio DeJesus, Commissioner from California.
- Judge Heath opened the floor for further nominations. There were none.
- D. Dodd (NM) 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 Heath announced that F. Dauway (SC) was elected for the position of Vice Chair.

2027 Commission Chair

- Judge Heath presented Howard Wykes, Commissioner's Designee from Arizona, as the nominee for Commission ChairHoward Wykes, Commissioner's Designee from Arizona.
- Judge Heath opened the floor for further nominations. There were none.

- S. Horton (NC) made a motion to close nominations for the position of Commission Chair. The motion passed.
- Judge Heath announced that Howard Wykes (AZ) was elected by acclamation for the position of Commission Chair for 2027.

Oath of Office

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

2027 Annual Business Meeting

Chair H. Wykes announced that the 2027 ICJ Annual Business Meeting would be held in Portland, Oregon, September 20-23, 2027.

Adjourn

- Chair H. Wykes (AZ) adjourned the 2026 General Session of the Interstate Commission for Juveniles by acclamation without objection @ 4:02 p.m. EDT.