

**INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES**  
**East Region**



November 17, 2020 Meeting Minutes  
11:00 a.m. ET  
Via WebEx

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**Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:**

1. Becki Moore (MA), East Region Representative
2. Tasha Hunt (CT), Commissioner
3. Christine Norris (DE), Designee
4. Roy Curtis (ME), Designee
5. Caitlyn Bickford (NH), Commissioner
6. Edwin Lee, Jr. (NJ), Designee
7. Wendy Lautsbaugh (PA), Commissioner
8. Patricia Casanova (VT), Designee

**Commissioners/Designees not in Attendance:**

1. Galan Williamson (ME) Commissioner
2. Jennifer LeBaron (NJ) Commissioner
3. Sheila Poole (NY), Commissioner
4. Jessica Nash (RI), Commissioner
5. JoAnn Niksa (RI), Designee
6. Eavey Monique-James (USVI), Commissioner

**Non-voting Compact Staff in Attendance:**

1. Nordia Napier (CT)
2. David Chapman (DE)
3. Donna Redd (MA)
4. Shyra Bland (NJ)
5. Francesco Bianco (NY)
6. Kelly Palmateer (NY)
7. Barbara Joyal (VT), Commissioner

**National Office Staff in Attendance:**

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policy Specialist
3. Emma Goode, Logistics and Administrative Specialist

**Call to Order**

Representative Moore called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. ET.

**Roll Call**

Director Underwood called the roll and quorum was established.

**Agenda**

**T. Casanova (VT) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. T. Hunt (CT) seconded. The motion carried.**

**Minutes**

**C. Norris (DE) made a motion to approve the October 20, 2020 meeting minutes as presented. C. Bickford (NH) seconded. The motion carried.**

## **Discussion**

### **Rule Proposals**

- Representative Moore reminded the region that 2021 is a rule amendment year and the last day to submit a proposal to the Rules Committee for consideration is March 31, 2021. She provided highlights from the ICJ Rules Proposal Guide of the process noting that region's authority to propose recommendations and amendments.
- R. Curtis (ME), East Region member serving on the ICJ Rules Committee, updated that the committee conducted a review of the full rules over the past year and considered several proposals, including the emergency Rule 2-108 regarding the suspension of enforcement.
- Director Underwood updated that the Rules Committee has considered rule proposals from the Technology Committee and the Juvenile Adult Issues Ad Hoc Committee regarding: Rule 1-101: Absconder; Rules 4-102, 4-103, 4-104, 5-101, 5-103, 6-103A, 7-104, and 7-105. The next for consideration is Rule 8-101.
- T. Casanova (VT) questioned re-submitting the East Region proposals presented in 2019 which did not pass. K. Palmateer (NY) updated she did not plan to re-submit for a third attempt and provided a brief overview of the past proposals and rejected. Representative Moore suggested and the East Region agreed to re-visit the proposals at the next region to determine if it is plausible for re-submission for 2021. The national office will forward the proposals submitted by the East Region in 2019 regarding Rule 4-103 and Rule 8-101 for discussion at the next Region Meeting.
- R. Curtis (ME) added that as a member of the ICJ Rules Committee he had proposed a definition of the term "proof of entitlement" and is working with the Maine Legal Counsel for wording which he will provide for the next Region meeting discussion.

### **Strategies Round Table**

- Representative Moore presented the concept of "strategies round table" on topics whereby all members could benefit from the discussion during the region meetings. Additionally, she suggested regional members serving on committees provide an update of their committee's work.
- The East Region agreed and those discussion items will be added to the next region meeting agenda.

### **State Updates/Concerns**

- The East Region states provided a round robin of updates in their state regarding UNITY roll out and COVID closures. There was a general consensus that there has been an increase in COVID positive cases and state governors' orders may return states to earlier phases of shut down. However, ICJ office staff continuing to work remote in some capacity and the processes put in play since March are working for the most part.
- An addition impact is field staff are sometimes unavailable, as they are called upon to work in facilities as outbreaks increase and facility staff are absent due to illness and quarantine.
- The national office provided a reminder and the link for states to update their ICJ State Restrictions Webpage quick and easy by updating the form:  
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/df4a8bb4b8374ce997f932a0be6d5cd2>

- CONNECTICUT
  - Commissioner Hunt updated that Nordia Napier is the CT Deputy Compact Administrator (DCA) and David Chapman provides additional Compact support.
  - Connecticut is working with the Council of State Government (CSG) regarding a system evaluation for juvenile reform.
  
- DELAWARE
  - Designee Norris updated that interviews are underway for the ICJ Commissioner position for Delaware.
  
- MAINE
  - Designee Curtis reported a productive state council meeting with the filling of a couple vacancy positions and set goals for legislative proposals. Maine is working towards a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Maine Courts to handle all ICJ cases in one specific court.
  
- MASSACHUSETTS
  - Designee Moore reported from parole that things are status quo and the good weather has helped with limited face-to-face contact.
  - Donna Redd reported that probation operations are running as expected, and they continue to enforce no home visits.
  
- NEW HAMPSHIRE
  - Commissioner Bickford noted that limited bedding in residential facilities continues to impact ICJ operations regarding places to hold non-delinquent runaways.
  
- NEW JERSEY
  - Designee Lee updated regarding parole that the state continues to follow through with the plan to remove the concept of mandatory post-incarceration supervision, which will be now be imposed on a discretionary basis. Any discretionary post-incarceration supervision term will now be non-revocable; as such, non-compliant youth will not be sent back to detention. From an ICJ point of view, staff from the parole office will be reaching out to states supervising the post-incarceration supervision youth to close the cases.
  - Shyra Bland updated probation will be decreasing office and home visits.
  
- NEW YORK
  - Francesco Bianco, Jr. reported for parole continue fluid situation and they are fully staffed.
  - Kelly Palmateer stated that there is ed nothing new to report from probation since the last meeting.
  
- PENNSYLVANIA
  - Commissioner Lautsbaugh had to leave prior to the report. Nonetheless, she provided a message in the chat box to share that quarantine/isolation information for juveniles coming into PA is updated every Friday. The updates regarding Pennsylvania are available on the following website:
  - <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/disease/coronavirus/Pages/Travelers>

- RHODE ISLAND
  - There was no report.
  
- VERMONT
  - Designee Casanova updated, due to higher numbers, the state is going back to virtual visits. Anyone traveling into Vermont from another state is required to quarantine for 14 days, with the condition after 7 days without symptoms individuals may be tested and end the quarantine if negative.
  
- VIRGIN ISLANDS
  - There was no report.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

Representative Moore announced that Trissie Casanova (VT) has agree to serve as the Alternate East Region Representative during this term.

**Adjourn**

Representative Moore adjourned the meeting by acclamation at 12:01 p.m. ET.