

## INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

### East Region Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2026

11:00 a.m. EST

Via Zoom



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### Preliminary Business

#### Call to Order

Regional Representative T. Casanova (VT) called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. EST.

#### Roll Call

J. Adkins (National Office) called the roll and a quorum was established.

#### Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Trissie Casanova (VT), Designee, Regional Representative
2. A. Roy Curtis (ME), Commissioner, Alternate Regional Representative
3. Francis "Mike" Casey (DE), Commissioner
4. Becki Moore (MA), Commissioner
5. Caitlyn Bickford (NH), Commissioner
6. David Willie (NY), Designee
7. Wendy Lautsbaugh (PA), Commissioner
8. Eavey Monique-James (VI), Commissioner

#### Additional State ICJ Personnel in Attendance:

1. Erin Breitigan (DE)
2. Bob Lemieux (MA)
3. Shyra Bland (NJ)
4. Raymond Tashjian (NY)
5. Amanda Behe (PA)
6. Ben Franks (VT)

#### Commissioners Not in Attendance:

1. Tasha Hunt (CT), Commissioner
2. Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden (NY), Commissioner
3. Jennifer LeBaron (NJ), Commissioner
4. Jessica Nash (RI), Commissioner
5. Wendy Lautsbaugh (PA), Commissioner

#### National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Development Manager
2. Jenny Adkins, Director of Operations, Rules, and Compliance
3. Joe Johnson, Technology Systems Manager
4. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist

#### Agenda

R. Curtis (ME) made a motion to approve the meeting agenda. Representative T. Casanova (VT) approved the agenda by unanimous consent without objection.

#### Minutes

R. Curtis (ME) made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on August 26, 2025.  
Representative T. Casanova (VT) approved the minutes by unanimous consent without objection.

### State Check-Ins

- M. Casey (DE) shared that J. Adkins (National Office) presented the Performance Measurement Assessment (PMA) at Delaware's State Council meeting.
- R. Moore (MA) shared that she is restarting the Massachusetts State Council meeting. She asked members that have virtual state council meetings, to reach out to her if she is able to audit their meetings.

### Unfinished Business

#### **Review law enforcement resources shared by states and provide feedback**

- R. Curtis (ME) presented Maine's law enforcement resources, noting that they have added the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ) to the [state legislature](#).
- Representative T. Casanova (VT) presented a presentation that is used in Vermont to train law enforcement on ICJ.
- Members completed polls to share what they liked about the resources.

#### **Determine which states will present law enforcement resources at the next region meeting**

- Representative T. Casanova (VT) asked for volunteers to share their state's law enforcement resources at the next East Region meeting. She stated that it can be presented verbally, screen-shared, or emailed to the region members.
- C. Bickford (NH) and A. Behe (PA) will present their states law enforcement resources at the next East Region meeting.
- B. Moore (MA) stated that she will reach out to D. Reed (MA) to inquire about a Massachusetts law enforcement resource.

### New Business

#### **Review the draft Guide for Families on Returns and gather feedback**

- Representative T. Casanova (VT) asked members for feedback on the Guide for Families on Returns draft.
- A. Behe (PA) asked if the "best interest" language could be removed as the verbiage is not used in the [Bench Book for Judges and Court Personnel](#). She shared a legal memo about best interest requirements, which members agreed to review.
- B. Moore (MA) offered to share the guide with family partners as part of an upcoming Family Advisory Council initiative. R. Curtis (ME) also stated that he would gather feedback on the guide.
- Representative T. Casanova (VT) asked for any feedback to be returned by March 1, 2026.

### Reports

- Representative T. Casanova (VT) provided a report on recent Executive Committee activities.
- B. Lemieux (MA) provided a report on recent Compliance Committee activities.
- S. Bland (NJ) provided a report on recent Finance Committee activities.

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- M. Casey (DE) provided a report on recent RDEI Committee activities.
- C. Bickford (NH) provided a report on recent Rules Committee activities.
- E. Breitigan (DE) provided a report on recent Training Committee activities.
- R. Curtis (ME) provided a report on recent Work Group on Returning Non-Delinquent Youth activities.

#### **Hot Topics from “ICJ Updates”**

- Representative T. Casanova (VT) shared that the Commission's Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee would present the upcoming *Wednesday Workshop* on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 1:00 pm ET. [Please click here to register.](#)
- Representative T. Casanova (VT) reminded members to submit in-state training data from any ICJ Trainings conducted from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, using [this form](#).
- Representative T. Casanova (VT) shared that the ICJ Conversations in Film screening would be held on Friday, February 27, 2026, from 12:00-2:00 pm ET. [Please click here to register.](#)
  - February’s feature would be *Hyphen-Nation*, a resource from the New York Times that features stories of people who share their experience of race in America.
- Representative T. Casanova (VT) shared that the ICJ Conversations in Film screening on Friday, March 27, 2026, from 12:00-2:00 pm ET. [Please click here to register.](#)
  - March's feature will be *Nameless*, a documentary that addresses child sex trafficking in Washington, DC, and at-large. Through interviews with experts, advocates, and activists, child sex trafficking is reframed as a form of sexual violence that is often made invisible. Child sex trafficking is explored as an issue with deep historical-cultural roots, tackles misperceptions about which populations are most vulnerable to being trafficked and illuminates systemic gaps in the current treatment of trafficking victims. Featuring 15 interviewees on the frontlines of the issue, Nameless mobilizes viewers to recognize and combat child sex trafficking.

#### **Next Steps**

- The next East Region meeting was scheduled for June 11, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. EST.

#### **Adjourn**

**Regional Representative T. Casanova (VT) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 12:28 p.m. EST.**