

## INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

### *Midwest Regional Meeting Minutes*

February 24, 2026

11:00 a.m. EST

Via Zoom



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### **Preliminary Business**

#### **Call to Order**

Representative J. Rader (NE) called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. EST.

#### **Roll Call**

Director Underwood called the roll, and a quorum was established.

#### **Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:**

1. Jacey Rader (NE), Commissioner, Midwest Regional Representative
2. Casey Gerber (WI), Commissioner, Alternate Regional Representative
3. Chris Biehn (IN), Commissioner
4. Curtis Hamstra (IA), Commissioner
5. Kellianne Torres (IA), Designee
6. Tomiko Frierson (IL), Commissioner
7. Fareeda Washington (KS), Designee
8. Michael Tymkew (MI), Commissioner
9. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee
10. Charles Frieberg (SD), Commissioner

#### **Additional State ICJ Personnel in Attendance:**

1. Laura Hausladen (IN)
2. Nita Wright (IN)
3. April Simmons (IN)
4. Liz Wilson (KS)
5. Amy Ast (OH)
6. Angel Jones (IL)
7. Holly Kassube (IL)
8. Rebecca Hillestead (MN)
9. Abbie Christian (NE)
10. Jennifer McFadden (WI)

#### **Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:**

1. Megan Milner (KS), Commissioner
2. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Commissioner
3. Lisa Bjergaard (ND), Commissioner

#### **National Office Staff in Attendance:**

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist

3. Joe Johnson, Technology Systems Manager
4. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Development Manager
5. Jenny Adkins, Director of Operations, Rules, and Compliance

### **Agenda**

**T. Frierson (IL) made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

### **Minutes**

**C. Biehn (IN) made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the meeting on December 8, 2025. South Dakota abstained. The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

### **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business was discussed.

### **New Business**

No new business was discussed.

### **Reports**

- Director Underwood provided a report on recent Work Group on Returning Non-Delinquent Youth activities.
- C. Biehn (IN) provided a report on recent Training Committee activities.
- Regional Representative J. Rader (NE) provided a report on recent Rules Committee activities.
- C. Frieberg (SD) provided a report on recent Racial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee activities.
- J. McFadden (WI) provided a report on recent Information Technology Committee activities.
- K. Torres (IA) provided a report on recent Finance Committee activities.
- Regional Representative J. Rader (NE) provided a report on recent Compliance Committee activities.
- Regional Representative J. Rader (NE) provided a report on recent Executive Committee activities.

### **Hot Topics from “ICJ Updates”**

- Representative J. Rader (NE) 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 p.m. EST. [Please click here to register.](#)

- Representative J. Rader (NE) reminded members to submit in-state training data from any ICJ trainings conducted from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, using the [Training or Technical Assistance Report Form](#) available on the Commission’s website.
- Representative J. Rader (NE) shared that an ICJ Conversations in Film screening would be held on Friday, February 27, 2026, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. EST. [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 J. Rader (NE) shared that the ICJ Conversations in Film screening on Friday, March 27, 2026, from 12:00-2:00 p.m. EST. [Please click here to register.](#)
  - March’s feature would be *Nameless*, a documentary that addresses child sex trafficking in Washington, DC, and at-large.

#### Next Steps

- Director Underwood presented the updated [ICJ Returns and Non-Delinquent Runaways Fact Sheet](#).
- Representative J. Rader (NE) asked members to email her any topics that need to be added to new business at future meetings.

#### Adjourn

C. Biehn (IN) made a motion to adjourn the Midwest region meeting. Representative Rader (NE) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 11:32 a.m. EST.