

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Midwest Regional Meeting Minutes

April 28, 2025

11:00 a.m. EDT

Via Zoom



Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Representative J. Rader (NE) called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. EDT.

Roll Call

Amanee Cabbagestalk (National Office) 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. Curtis Hamstra (IA), Commissioner
4. Tomiko Frierson (IL), Commissioner
5. Chris Biehn (IN), Commissioner
6. Michael Tymkew (MI), Commissioner
7. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Commissioner
8. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee
9. Sasaun Lane (OH), Commissioner
10. Charles Frieberg (SD), Commissioner

Additional State ICJ Personnel in Attendance:

1. Kellianne Torres (IA), Designee
2. Angel Jones (IL)
3. Holly Kassube (IL)
4. Molly Dearing (IL)
5. Laura Hausladen (IN)
6. Nataly Sevilla (IN)
7. April Simmons (IN)
8. Nita Wright (IN)
9. Liz Wilson (KS)
10. Rebecca Hillestead (MN)
11. James Carlson (ND)
12. Abbie Christian (NE)
13. Cheryl Frost (SD)
14. Jennifer McFadden (WI)

Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Lisa Bjergaard (ND), Commissioner
2. Megan Milner (KS), Commissioner
3. Fareeda Washington (KS), Designee

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist
2. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policy Specialist
3. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager

4. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist

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 January 28, 2025. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Review comments submitted for Rule 4-104: Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision and Rule Committee recommendations

- Chair J. Rader (NE) presented the comments submitted for the Midwest Region rule amendment proposal for Rule 4-104: Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision.
- Chair J. Rader (NE) shared that the Rules Committee voted 8-0-0 to suggest that the Midwest Region consider substituting the word “enforce” for the word “meet” in two locations in the rule proposal and consider whether the proposal might have an unintended consequence of increasing supervision denials. The Rules Committee also recommended that the Midwest Region clarify the justification section or add language to indicate that the inability of the receiving state to enforce/meet a condition is not a valid reason for denial.
- A. Christian (NE) stated that she discussed concerns about using the term “meet” with Rules Committee Chair, J. Hawkins (MO), who suggested using the term “provide.”
- The relevant section of the proposed rule amendment for Rule 4-104 (6) would state, “A receiving state that is unable to provide any condition of supervision imposed by the sending state shall notify the sending state of its inability to provide the condition(s) by documenting the conditions which cannot be provided on the Form VIII, Home Evaluation Report.”
- **C. Frieberg (SD) made a motion to approve the change in the proposed rule amendment from “enforce” to “provide.” The motion passed by unanimous consent.**
- A. Christian (NE) recommended adding the following statement to the success statement in the justification section of rule proposal, “The inability of the receiving state to provide any condition of supervision imposed by the sending state would not be a valid reason for supervision to be denied by the receiving state.”
- **C. Gerber (WI) made a motion to add the recommended statement to the rule amendment justification success statement. The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

New Business

Provide Feedback on Removal of Compliance Standards

- Representative J. Rader (NE) stated that the Compliance Committee recommended removing Standards A-07 and Standard A-11 because UNITY was designed to ensure compliance through task requirements and date restrictions, and cases can only progress if they met the requirements described in Standards A-07 and A-11.
- Standard A-07 states: “With regard to probation cases, Sending States shall ensure referral documents are complete and forwarded to the receiving state. (Rule 4-102(2)(b)).”
- Standard A-11 states: “Travel permits shall not exceed 90 calendar days. (Rule 8-101(3)).”
- No feedback provided.

Conduct Poll to Increase Awareness of State Human Trafficking Screening Practices and Resources

- C. Frieberg (SD) stated the Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee is exploring ways to more accurately capture data that tracks instances of human trafficking. The committee's goal is to encourage all ICJ Offices to learn about and/or develop their procedures for identifying human trafficking concerns. He shared that the RDEI Committee was conducting a poll in each region to gather information regarding state human trafficking screening and data collection practices.
- The poll developed by the RDEI Committee was conducted.

Review Ohio's Human Trafficking Screening Project

- S. Lane (OH) outlined Ohio's new human trafficking screening project, with plans to implement a screening tool for every youth entering or leaving the state. She stated she will email the Midwest Region members and encouraged members to provide feedback and suggestions on this project.

Reports

Executive Committee

- K. Torres (IA) reported on recent Executive Committee activities.

Compliance Committee

- Representative J. Rader (NE) reported on recent Compliance Committee activities.

Information Technology Committee

- K. Torres (IA) reported on recent Information Technology Committee activities.

Racial Diversity Equity and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee

- C. Frieberg (SD) reported on recent RDEI Committee activities.

Rules Committee

- T. Hudrlik (MN) reported on recent Rules Committee activities.

Training Committee

- J. Wald (ND) reported on recent Training Committee activities.

Work Group on Non-Delinquent Juveniles

- J. McFadden (WI) reported on recent Work Group on Non-Delinquent Juvenile activities.

Hot Topics from "ICJ Updates"

- Representative J. Rader (NE) reported that the 2025 [Annual Business Meeting](#) will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on August 25-27, 2025.
- *ICJ Wednesday Workshop*
 - Representative J. Rader (NE) shared that the topic for the *Wednesday Workshop* on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 1:00 pm EDT is Tribal Nations 101.
- On May 7, 2025, the [Real ID](#) requirement will be in full effect for all air travel.
 - Representative J. Rader (NE) reported that UNITY users can produce the ICJ Transportation Identification Form as an alternate means of verification of a juvenile's identity when traveling by air.
- Meeting Minutes Update

- Representative J. Rader (NE) stated that the National Office has updated practices for meeting minutes and reports to improve workloads and consistency with Robert's Rules.

Next Steps

- No next steps were discussed.

Adjourn

T. Frierson (IL) made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Representative Rader (NE) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 11:47 a.m. EDT.