

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Midwest Regional Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2025

11:00 a.m. EST

Via Zoom



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. Chris Biehn (IN), Commissioner
3. Curtis Hamstra (IA), Commissioner
4. Kellianne Torres (IA), Designee
5. Megan Milner (KS), Commissioner
6. Fareeda Washington (KS), Designee
7. Michael Tymkew (MI), Commissioner
8. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee

Additional State ICJ Personnel in Attendance:

1. Laura Hausladen (IN)
2. Nita Wright (IN)
3. April Simmons (IN)
4. Liz Wilson (KS)
5. Sara McCoy (OH)
6. Bruce Graham (OH)
7. Angel Jones (IL)
8. Holly Kassube (IL)
9. Molly Dearing (IL)
10. Rebecca Hillestead (MN)
11. James Carlson (ND)
12. Abbie Christian (NE)
13. Jennifer McFadden (WI)

Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Tomiko Frierson (IL), Commissioner
2. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Commissioner
3. Lisa Bjergaard (ND), Commissioner
4. Sasaun Lane (OH), Commissioner

5. Charles Frieberg (SD), Commissioner
6. Casey Gerber (WI), Commissioner, Alternate Regional Representative

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist
3. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager
4. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist

Agenda

K. Torres (IA) made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Minutes

K. Torres (IA) made a motion to approve the minutes as amended from the meeting on August 26, 2025. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was discussed.

New Business

Request Updates to Age Matrix *by Director Underwood*

- Director Underwood requested that state ICJ offices update the state's information on the Commission's website age matrix. She shared that members would receive an email following the meeting with a link to simplify the process.
- Director Underwood also asked state ICJ offices to email staff updates the National Office.

Reports

- Regional Representative J. Rader (NE) provided a report on recent Executive Committee activities.
- Regional Representative J. Rader (NE) provided a report on recent Compliance Committee activities.
- K. Torres (IA) provided a report on recent Finance Committee activities.
- K. Torres (IA) and J. McFadden (WI) provided a report on recent Information Technology Committee activities.
- A. Cabbagestalk (National Office) provided a report on recent RDEI Committee activities.
- C. Biehn (IN) provided a report on recent Training Committee activities.
- J. Wald (ND) provided a report on recent Work Group on Returning Non-Delinquent Youth activities.

Hot Topics from “ICJ Updates”

- Regional Representative J. Rader (NE) announced that the Commission’s [2025 Annual Report](#) was published in October and encouraged members to distribute it widely throughout their states.
- Regional Representative J. Rader (NE) stated that annual State Council reports are due to the National Office by January 31, 2026. Member states should submit reports using the [web-based form](#).
- Regional Representative J. Rader (NE) reported that National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) would present a *Wednesday Workshop* on January 28, 2026, at 1:00 pm EST.
- Regional Representative J. Rader (NE) reported that the next Annual Business Meeting would be held in Portland, Maine, from August 31-September 2, 2026.

Next Steps

- Representative J. Rader (NE) asked members to send her issues that need to be added to new business at future meetings.

Adjourn

K. Torres (IA) made a motion to adjourn the Midwest region meeting. Representative Rader (NE) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 11:29 a.m. EST.