

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Rules Committee Meeting Minutes

May 20, 2026

2:00 p.m. EDT

Via Zoom



Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Rules Committee Chair J. Hawkins (MO) called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. EDT.

Roll Call

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

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Julie Hawkins (MO), Commissioner, Chair
2. Natalie Dalton (VA), Commissioner, Vice Chair
3. Judy Miller (AR), Designee
4. Howard Wykes (AZ), Designee
5. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Commissioner
6. Daryl Liedecke (TX), Designee
7. Trissie Casanova (VT), Designee
8. Dawn Bailey (WA), Designee

Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Rebecca Moore (MA), Commissioner
2. Stephen Horton (NC), Commissioner
3. Caitlyn Bickford (NH), Commissioner
4. Jedd Pelander (WA), Commissioner
5. Casey Gerber (WI), Commissioner

National Office and Legal Counsel Staff in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Jenny Adkins, Director of Operations, Rules and Compliance
3. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Development Manager
4. Joe Johnson, Technology Systems Manager
5. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist
6. Tom Travis, Legal Counsel

D. Liedecke (TX) made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

J. Miller (AR) made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 15, 2026. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Unfinished Business

Consider subcommittee recommendations on extending the rules cycle

- Chair J. Hawkins (MO) shared that a subcommittee met multiple times to discuss the rules cycle process and drafted a proposed amendment to [Rule 2-103, Adoption of Rules and Amendments](#), for consideration.
- T. Cassanova presented the subcommittee's recommendations. The Rules Committee discussed whether commissioners and designees should be able to submit proposals directly to the Rules Committee or be required to gain approval of a region and standing committee prior to submission to the Rules Committee.
- **J. Miller (AR) made a motion to accept a draft amendment of Rule 2-103(1)(a), Adoption of Rules and Amendments, that did not require approval by a region or standing committee prior to submission to the Rules Committee. The motion passed.**
- T. Cassanova presented proposed amendments to Rule 2-103(3) that would establish a triennial cycle for consideration of rule amendments, with an option to request consideration in other years and a requirement that proposals be submitted at least 120 days prior to the annual meeting at which it would be considered.
- T. Hudrlik (MN) expressed concern that 120 days might be insufficient given the review and public comment processes required.
- Legal Counsel T. Travis suggested a simpler approach by modifying the existing language to focus on triennial basis rather than odd-numbered years, while maintaining the flexibility for emergency situations.
- Rules Committee members agreed that the simpler language better preserved the intended flexibility while avoiding unnecessary complexity.
- **T. Casanova (VT) made a motion to adopt the recommended proposals to Rule 2-103(3), Adoption of Rules and Amendments. The motion passed.**

Approve recommendations for home evaluation resources

- Chair J. Hawkins (MO) introduced recommendations for home evaluation resources, noting that J. Adkins had developed training materials to improve home evaluation timelines and completions without requiring rule changes.
- Chair J. Hawkins (MO) presented the *Home Evaluation Report Resource: Sending State Compact office*; *Home Evaluation Report Resource: Sending State Field Staff*; *Home Evaluation Report Resource: Receiving State Field Staff*; and *Home Evaluation Report Resource: Receiving State Compact Office*.
- She noted that updating and highlighting training resources is a strategy for addressing concerns without amending ICJ rules. She also noted that multiple committees are working to improve home evaluations at this point.
- After receiving feedback from Rules Committee members, J. Adkins will add "report" after "home evaluation" in the fifth bullet point, and the second edit will clarify the language regarding legal guardians in the receiving and sending states.
- **D. Liedecke (TX) made a motion to approve the *Home Evaluation Report Resource: Sending State Compact Office*; *Home Evaluation Report Resource: Sending State Field Staff*; *Home Evaluation Report Resource: Receiving State Field Staff*; and *Home Evaluation Report Resource: Receiving State Compact Office*, with the recommended edits. The motion passed.**

New Business

Review Best Interest Issues

- Chair J. Hawkins (MO) discussed clarifying the ICJ Rules regarding how “best interest” determinations are made, particularly noting concerns regarding Form III and requisition processes.
- Chair J. Hawkins (MO) proposed forming a subcommittee to draft language clarifying that the home state, not the holding state, should determine “best interest” of the youth in requisition cases.
- D. Liedecke (TX) and D. Bailey (WA) volunteered to join the subcommittee.
- The subcommittee plans to meet within two weeks to draft proposed language for review at the next Rules Committee meeting.

Next Steps

- The next Rules Committee meeting was scheduled for June 17, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. EDT.

Adjourn

Chair Hawkins (MO) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 3:27 p.m. EDT.