

# INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

*South Region Meeting Minutes*

April 23, 2025

11:00 am EDT

Via Zoom



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## **Preliminary Business**

### **Call to Order**

Representative F. Dauway (SC) called the meeting to order at 11:00 am EDT.

### **Roll Call**

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

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

1. Felicia Dauway (SC), Designee, Regional Representative
2. Jean Hall (FL), Commissioner, Alternate Region Representative
3. Chanda Leshoure (AL), Designee
4. Judy Miller (AR), Designee
5. Jefferson Regis (DC), Commissioner
6. Rusty Rodgers (GA), Commissioner
7. Amy Welch (KY), Commissioner
8. Deanna McNulty (LA), Designee
9. Maxine Baggett (MS), Designee
10. Julie Hawkins (MO), Commissioner
11. Stephen Horton (NC), Commissioner
12. Robert Hendryx (OK), Designee
13. Corrie Copeland (TN), Commissioner
14. Natalie Dalton (VA), Commissioner
15. Daryl Liedecke (TX), Designee
16. Lynn Fielder (WV), Designee

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

1. Latosha Mallory (AL)
2. Rhonda Turner (FL)
3. Terrance Clayton (FL)
4. Zariah Smalls (FL)
5. Ian Smith (FL)
6. Ty Ligon (FL)
7. Tracy Cassell (GA)
8. Shanice Ryne (GA)
9. Yolanda Latimer (LA)
10. Abbye Tyler (MD)
11. Latoya Oliver (MD)
12. Mason Harrington (SC)
13. Bridget Webb (SC)
14. Quincy Hughes (TN)
15. Jessica Stefenack (VA)

**Commissioners Not in Attendance:**

1. Angela Bridgewater (LA), Commissioner
2. Sherry Jones (MD), Commissioner
3. Robert Anderson (MS), Commissioner
4. Jeffrey Cartmell (OK), Commissioner
5. Stephanie Bond (WV), Commissioner
6. Louis (Lou) Serrano (TX), Commissioner

**Guest in Attendance :**

1. Brooke Montelongo (CO), Commissioner

**National Office Staff in Attendance:**

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

**Agenda**

J. Hall (FL) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

**Minutes**

J. Miller (AR) made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on January 29, 2025, as amended. The motion passed.

**Reports****Executive Committee**

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) provided a report on recent Executive Committee activities.

**Compliance Committee**

- J. Hawkins (MO) provided a report on recent Compliance Committee activities.

**Finance Committee**

- M. Harrington (SC) stated that the Finance Committee is meeting on April 24, 2025.

**Information Technology Committee**

- T. Clayton (FL) and J. Miller (AR) provided a report on recent Information Technology Committee activities.

**Racial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee**

- D. Liedecke (TX) and B. Montelongo (CO) provided a report on recent Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (RDEI) activities.
- B. Montelongo (CO) stated the RDEI Committee is exploring ways to more accurately capture data that tracks instances of human trafficking. The committee's goal is to encourage 100% of our ICJ Offices to learn about and/or develop their procedures for identifying human trafficking concerns. She shared that the RDEI Committee will be conducting a poll in each Region Meeting to gather information regarding state human trafficking screening and data collection practices.

**Rules Committee**

- J. Hawkins (MO) provided a report on recent Rules Committee activities.
- J. Hawkins (MO) stated that the hearing for public comments on the proposed amendments will be held virtually on August 6, 2025, at 1:00 pm EDT.

### **Training Committee**

- J. Hall (FL) provided a report on recent Training Committee activities.

### **Work Group on Non-Delinquent Youth**

- A. Welch (KY) and Director Underwood provided a report on recent activities of the Work Group on Non-Delinquent Youth.

### **Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

### **New Business**

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

- A poll developed by the RDEI Committee was conducted to gather information regarding state human trafficking screening and data collection practices.

#### **Provide Feedback on Removal of Compliance Standards**

- Director Underwood presented information regarding the Commission's Performance Measurement Assessment (PMA) practices and requested feedback on the Compliance Committee's proposal to remove Performance Measurement 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))."
- D. Liedecke (TX) asked how Standard A-07 was measured.
- Director Underwood answered that during previous PMAs, a random sample of cases was selected from each state and reviewed to see whether the standard was met.
- S. Horton (NC) stated he was concerned that, if Standard A-07 is removed, states would submit more partial referrals to other states.
- J. Hawkins (MO) stated that UNITY has safeguards in place; therefore, doing extra audits on A-07 and A-11 is unnecessary. However, the ICJ Rules still require states to submit all necessary documentation.

#### **Discuss Adult Waivers for Youth in Juvenile Facilities (Rule 7-104(5))**

- S. Horton (NC) stated that [Rule 7-104](#) indicates that an issuing authority has the right to determine whether a Form III: Consent for Voluntary Return of Out of State Juvenile can be accepted. He said it is contradictory to Rule [6-102\(7\)](#), which states, "When an out-of-state juvenile has reached the age of majority according to the holding state's laws and is brought before an adult court for an ICJ due process hearing, the home/demanding state shall accept an adult waiver instead of the Form III Consent for Voluntary Return of Out-of-State Juveniles, provided the waiver is signed by the juvenile and the court."
- S. Horton (NC) reported North Carolina's law related to charging 16-and 17-year-olds changed in December and has led to some challenges in related ICJ cases. The new law, known as [House Bill 834](#), mandates that 16- and 17-year-olds charged with specific (mostly violent) offenses be automatically charged in adult criminal courts. Therefore, adult warrants are issued for those

individuals. Since the law took effect on December 1, 2024, North Carolina's ICJ office has processed six cases involving youth charged under the new law.

- S. Horton (NC) asked if other states have procedures in place to offer adult waivers (of extradition rights) in such cases.
- J. Hawkins (MO) provided information about the development of related ICJ rules. She noted that Form III's have usually been universally accepted, but the ICJ rules cannot dictate that adult authorities must agree to the return of a youth based on a waiver documented on a Form III.
- S. Horton (NC) suggested that the rules give too much discretion to the demanding authority.
- Director Underwood advised that adults are typically returned to face charges pursuant to state extradition laws, which are sometimes referred to as UCEA cases (or Uniform Criminal Extradition Act cases). Similar to the ICJ return process, individuals can waive the rights to formal hearing processes and consent to be returned. She said that extradition is authorized under the U.S. Constitution, and noted it is not specific to age. Therefore, young people charged as adults can be returned under their state's standard extradition laws, particularly if authorities are concerned about using the Form III process. She added that the Interstate Compact on Adult Offenders only applies when a person has already had a transfer of supervision.
- Director Underwood added that the ICJ's due process protections are less intense than those typically required for extradition. Adult-crime prosecutors may demand use of the more stringent processes to ensure the defendant's rights are fully protected.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) shared that South Carolina's ICJ Office has experienced challenges with returning youths to North Carolina who have been charged under the new law. She has requested assistance from her agency's general counsel and will share it with region members.
- N. Dalton (VA) stated that Virginia circuit courts can hear both juvenile and adult cases. Therefore, there should be no issues with such cases in Virginia.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) explained that the challenge is related to the youth being detained in a juvenile detention facility, as there is no system in place for the facility to present the youth to an appropriate court to offer an adult waiver.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) suggested others talk with their agencies' general counsels if related issues arise. The topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

### Hot Topics from *ICJ Updates*

- Representative Dauway stated that the 2025 Annual Business Meeting will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on August 25-27, 2025.
- *ICJ Wednesday Workshop*
- Representative Dauway shared that there is Tribal Nations 101 *Wednesday Workshop* on Wednesday, April 4, 2025, at 1:00 pm EDT. On May 7, 2025, the Real ID requirement will be in full effect for all air travel.
  - Representative Dauway 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 Dauway stated that the National Office has updated practices for meeting minutes and reports to improve workloads and consistency with Robert's Rules.

### Next Steps

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) asked members for input on topics to discuss at the next meeting.

Adjourn

Representative Dauway (SC) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 12:16 pm EDT.