

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

South Region Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2026

11:00 am EDT

Via Zoom



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. Robb Gilstrap (GA), Commissioner
7. Amy Welch (KY), Commissioner
8. Angela Bridgewater (LA), Commissioner
9. Sherry Jones (MD), Commissioner
10. Julie Hawkins (MO), Commissioner
11. Stephen Horton (NC), Commissioner
12. Robert Hendryx (OK), Designee
13. Natalie Dalton (VA), Commissioner
14. Daryl Liedeker (TX), Designee
15. Lynn Fielder (WV), Designee

Additional State ICJ Personnel in Attendance:

1. Cameron McCaskill (AR)
2. Rhonda Turner (FL)
3. Terrance Clayton (FL)
4. Teecara Richardson (FL)
5. Ian Smith (FL)
6. Ty Ligon (FL)
7. Tracy Cassell (GA)
8. Marcus Graves (GA)
9. Melina Hampton (KY)
10. Ashley Hodges (KY)
11. Deanna McNulty (LA), Designee
12. Latoya Oliver (MD)
13. Shel Millington (OK)
14. Bridget Webb (SC)

Voting Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Steven Lafreniere (AL), Commissioner
2. Robert Anderson (MS), Commissioner
3. Maxine Baggett (MS), Designee
4. Stephanie Bond (WV), Commissioner
5. Corrie Copeland (TN), Commissioner
6. Louis (Lou) Serrano (TX), Commissioner

National Office Staff in Attendance:

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

Agenda

S. Horton (NC) 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 February 4, 2026, as presented. The motion passed.

Reports**Executive Committee**

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

Compliance Committee

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

Information Technology Committee

- J. Johnson provided a report on recent Information Technology Committee activities.

Racial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

- B. Webb (SC) provided a report on recent Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (RDEI) activities.

Rules Committee

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

Training Committee

- C. Leshoure (AL) provided a report on recent Training Committee activities.

Work Group on Non-Delinquent Youth

- Director Underwood provided a report on recent activities of the Work Group on Non-Delinquent Youth.

Finance Committee

- Finance Committee Vice Chair C. Copeland (TN) provided a report on recent Finance Committee activities.

Unfinished Business

Continue discussing ICJ Response Procedures for Airline Refusal of Youth Boarding

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) stated that the Airline Refusal of Youth Boarding survey results will be discussed at the next South Region meeting.

New Business

Conduct Airline Refusal of Youth Boarding Survey

- A survey was administered to assess how widespread challenges with airlines are and to identify how states are addressing them.

Annual Business Meeting [Registration](#) and [Nominations](#)

- Director Underwood announced that registration is open June 1 – 30, 2026, for the 2026 Annual Business Meeting (ABM).
- This registration period will include nominations for chair, vice chair, treasurer, regional representatives, and Leadership and Rising Star Awards. Commissioners & Full-Time Designees are eligible to be nominated and/or to make a nomination.
 - The recipient of the Leadership award exhibits outstanding leadership skills and dedication to the Interstate Commission for Juveniles through extraordinary service.
 - The Rising Star Award recognizes a Commission member that has demonstrated special ability or leadership during their first 2 years.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) encouraged participants to nominate individuals who will effectively represent their concerns and advocate for the commission's best interests at the upcoming ABM.

State Councils

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) expressed concerns about state council enforcement policies and indicated plans to discuss potential rule amendments at the next South Region meeting.
- Members discussed whether state councils should be mandatory and how to handle non-compliance, with participants agreeing that while state councils are beneficial, enforcement should be supportive rather than punitive.
- J. Hawkins (MO) noted that any regional recommendations for rule changes must be submitted to the Rules Committee by year-end.

Hot Topics from ICJ Updates

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) shared that the [2025 State Council Report](#) was now published on the Commission's website.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) reminded members to [report data](#) from any in-state ICJ trainings conducted July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, by July 1, 2026.

Next Steps

- The next South Region Meeting was scheduled for September 1, 2026, at 3:00 pm EDT.

Adjourn

Representative Dauway (SC) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 11:57 am EDT.