

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

South Region Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2025

3:30 pm EDT

Hilton Cleveland Ohio



Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Representative F. Dauway (SC) called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm EDT.

Roll Call

Project Manager Joe Johnson 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. Melinda Hampton (KY), Designee
8. Deanna McNulty (LA), Designee
9. Sherry Jones (MD), Commissioner
10. Maxine Baggett (MS), Designee
11. Julie Hawkins (MO), Commissioner
12. Stephen Horton (NC), Commissioner
13. Robert Hendryx (OK), Designee
14. Corrie Copeland (TN), Commissioner
15. Natalie Dalton (VA), Commissioner
16. Daryl Liedেকে (TX), Designee
17. Lynn Fielder (WV), Designee

Additional State ICJ Personnel in Attendance:

- Latosha Mallory (AL)
- Terrance Clayton (FL)
- Tracy Cassell (GA)
- Shanice Ryne (GA)
- Yolanda Latimer (LA)
- Bridget Webb (SC)

Commissioners Not in Attendance:

1. Amy Welch (KY), Commissioner
2. Angela Bridgewater (LA), Commissioner
3. Dr. Evan Norton (TX), Commissioner
4. Robert Anderson (MS), Commissioner
5. Stephanie Bond (WV), Commissioner
6. Stephen Lafreniere (AL), Commissioner

Guest in Attendance :

1. Tom Travis, Legal Council
2. Cindy Wang (GA)
3. Carla Fults (VA), Association of Administrators of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children
4. Nataki Brown, Ex Officio Member, Victim Representative
5. Travis Patton, Ex Officio Member, National Sheriffs' Association
6. Chris Newlin, Ex Officio Member, National Children's Advocacy Center

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager

Agenda

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

Minutes

J. Miller (AR) made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 23, 2025, as amended. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

Unfinished Business

- Representative Felicia Dauway (SC) opened the floor for discussion on any unfinished business, specifically pertaining to adult waivers for youth in juvenile facilities (Rule 7-104 (5)).
- Members shared information regarding how their states handled cases involving young people housed in juvenile facilities whose agreement to voluntarily return is documented using forms used in adult cases, rather than using the ICJ Form III, Consent for Voluntary Return of Out-of-State Juvenile.

New Business**Discuss Rule Amendment Proposals**

- Representative Felicia Dauway (SC) opened the floor for discussion of the rule amendment proposals.
- Members discussed the rule amendment process.
- Julie Hawkins (MO), Rules Committee Chair, highlighted options for future rule proposals. She encouraged participants to gather information and feedback through regional meetings and submit issues to the Rules Committee, who can provide guidance for proposal development.

Provide Feedback on the concept of extending the rules cycle to three (3) years

- Representative Felicia Dauway (SC) opened the floor for discussion on extending the rules cycles.
- Members highlighted the value of having sufficient time to assess the impact of the rule change before the next cycle and the importance of clarifying the process for enacting emergency rules.
- Tom Travis, Legal Counsel, provided insight as to the Rule 2-103, noting that the current rule would allow for an extension of the rules cycle and provides a process for enacting emergency amendments.

Review election process and candidate list

- Representative Felicia Dauway (SC) opened the floor for discussion and review of the election process and candidates list.

- Representative Felicia Dauway (SC) expressed appreciation for her re-election as South Regional Representative in 2024. She encouraged members to contact her with questions and concerns.
- Members expressed interests in learning more about the Commission's human resource management, contract-related processes, budgeting, and formula for calculation of dues.
- Felicia Dauway (SC) articulated that she will follow up with the National Office on the issues of interest.
- Felicia Dauway (SC) closed the discussion with reminders about the election process and who is currently seeking election.

Reports

Racial Diversity Equity and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee and Human Trafficking Poll Results

- Latosha Mallory (AL) provided a report on the human trafficking poll results and directed members to the memo provided prior to the meeting. She indicated that the RDEI Committee was working to increase ICJ offices' reporting of human trafficking concerns, perhaps by requiring the use of the human trafficking data field in UNITY.

State Updates

- No state updates were provided.

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 4:48 pm EDT.