

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

South Region Meeting Minutes

November 05, 2025

11:00 am EST

Via Zoom



Preliminary Business

Call to Order

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

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. Angela Bridgewater (LA), Commissioner
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. Ty Ligon (FL)
5. Tracy Cassell (GA)
6. Melina Hampton (KY)
7. Benjamin Turner (KY)
8. Deanna McNulty (LA), Designee
9. Latoya Oliver (MD)
10. Abbye Tyler (MD)
11. Alan Garrett (NC)
12. Mason Harrington (SC)
13. Bridget Webb (SC)

14. Quincy Hughes (TN)
15. Jessica Stefenack (VA)

Voting Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Sherry Jones (MD), Commissioner
2. Robert Anderson (MS), Commissioner
3. Stephanie Bond (WV), Commissioner
4. Louis (Lou) Serrano (TX), Commissioner

Guest in Attendance :

1. Raymundo Gallardo (UT), Commissioner, Training Committee Chair

National Office Staff in Attendance:

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

Agenda

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

Minutes

S. Horton (NC) made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on August 26, 2025, 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

- B. Turner (KY) 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.

Work Group on Non-Delinquent Youth

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

Unfinished Business

Update Region Members with Answers to Questions asked about the Commission's Human Resource Management, contract-related processes, budgeting, and the formula for the calculation of dues.

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) reported that she met with Commission Chair H. Wykes (AZ) and Director Underwood to discuss the questions asked at the previous meeting.
- Director Underwood appreciated participants' interest in the financial and daily operations of the National Office. She encouraged members to join the Finance Committee.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) stated the conference consultant for the 2025 ABM was engaged to assist with planning, contract negotiations, and on-site event support. Pursuant to the Commission's accounting policies, the executive director is responsible for reviewing and authorizing contracts under \$50,000. In accordance with the policy, Director Underwood consulted with Officers, authorized the contract, and advised the Executive Committee. Director Underwood added that the consultant was important for maintaining the high quality of the meeting. She noted the expansion of annual business meetings to include several additional events, e.g. first-time attendees' luncheon, networking breakfast, and work group meetings.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) stated that contracts are housed at the National Office and are available upon request.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) reported annual performance assessments for National Office staff are conducted by the Executive Director. The Commission chairperson completes an annual performance assessment for the executive director, in consultation with the executive committee. The Commission chairperson is notified when other reviews are completed. Records are maintained in personnel files but not provided to the Executive Committee due to personnel privacy requirements.
- Regarding appointment of committee chairs, Representative F. Dauway (SC) reported that chairs are appointed by the Commission chairperson based on the members' experience and voting status.
- Regarding legal counsel, Representative F. Dauway (SC) stated T. Travis was the General Counsel for the Commission. Rick Masters would continue to provide legal advice upon request.

New Business

Update Age Matrix Announcement

- Director Underwood requested that state ICJ offices update their information on the website's age matrix, as national media outlets are citing it for policy-making purposes. She shared that members would receive an email with a link to simplify the process following the meeting.
- Director Underwood also asked state ICJ offices to email the National Office any staff updates.

Conduct an Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Training Needs Survey

- Training Committee Chair R. Gallardo (UT) and A. Cabbagestalk (National Office) conducted a short survey, on behalf of the Training Committee, to gather members' preferences for training sessions at the 2026 ABM, future Wednesday Workshops, and other Commission training opportunities.

Discuss Protocols for Transfer of Supervision with Tribal Nations and Reservation Lands

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) shared that the Association on American Indian Affairs is hosting a webinar in partnership with the Annie E. Casey Foundation titled "Strengthening the Circle: Collaboration to Support Native Youth" on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. ET. [Advance registration was required.](#)

- L. Mallory (AL) stated that AL had a case where a youth from an Indian Reservation was detained. Law enforcement from the reservation did pick up the youth. After the case was resolved, local stakeholders in Alabama asked how to handle the transfer of supervision for a youth who lives on an Indian Reservation.
- L. Mallory (AL) and Representative Dauway (SC) reviewed [Advisory Opinion 4-2010](#) and the [White Paper: Transfer of Jurisdiction not Authorized Pursuant to the Interstate Compact for Juveniles](#) for assistance.
- Representative Dauway (SC) asked if members have any feedback when handling youth from an Indian Reservation, since they are not a part of the Compact.
- S. Horton (NC) shared that North Carolina had a similar case, and they had to determine whether there was a tribal warrant or a state warrant. The warrant was tribal, so the District Attorney spoke with the Tribal Nation to arrange the youth's return.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) stated that she asked Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (RDEI) Chair M. Casey (DE) whether the RDEI Committee could continue discussing Tribal Nations, and that the South Region will discuss the topic and the webinar at the next South Region meeting.
- Director Underwood noted that Tribal Nations are not members of the Compact because they are another Nation. She stated that states may have agreements or collaborative relationships with Tribal Nations and recommended speaking with local stakeholders in their states to see if other arrangements are in place.

Determine ICJ Response Procedures for Airline Refusal of Youth Boarding

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) stated that the topic will be discussed at the next South Region meeting on February 4, 2026.

Hot Topics from ICJ Updates

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) announced that the [2025 Annual Report](#) was published in October.
- ICJ Wednesday Workshop
 - Representative F. Dauway (SC) shared that the National Runaway Safeline would present a Wednesday Workshop on Wednesday, November 19, 2025, at 1:00 pm EST. [Registration was required in advance.](#)
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) stated that the new Transfer of Supervision (TOS) Dashboard was available to all ICJ office UNITY users with Tableau licenses.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) announced that November is National Runaway Safeline's [Youth Homelessness, Outreach, Prevention, and Education \(HOPE\) Month](#).
 - Youth HOPE Month, formerly known as National Runaway Prevention Month, is a powerful opportunity to shine a light on youth homelessness, spark conversations and take meaningful action to support youth in crisis.
 - The Commission registered as a partner – Spotlighting programs and resources that help empower young people to thrive and achieve safety, stability, and wellbeing.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) announced that next year's ABM would be held in Portland, Maine, from August 31-September 2, 2026.

Next Steps

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) asked members to email her any future business items to add to the meeting agenda.
- The next South Region Meeting was scheduled for February 4, 2026, at 11:00 am EST.

Adjourn

Representative Dauway (SC) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 12:01 pm EST.