

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES



South Region Meeting

Minutes

September 10, 2019

3:45 PM ET

Lower Level, Monument Suites

Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre Hotel

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Traci Marchand (NC), Commissioner, Regional Representative
2. Patrick Pendergast (AL), Designee
3. Judy Miller (AR), Designee
4. Jefferson Regis (DC), Commissioner
5. Agnes Denson (FL), Commissioner
6. Tyrone Oliver (GA), Commissioner
7. Anna Butler (KY), Designee
8. Angela Bridgewater (LA), Commissioner
9. Sherry Jones (MD), Commissioner
10. Maxine Baggett (MS), Designee
11. Julie Hawkins (MO), Commissioner
12. Robert Hendryx (OK), Designee
13. Felicia Dauway (SC), Designee
14. Cathlyn Smith (TN), Commissioner
15. Daryl Liedecke (TX), Commissioner
16. Natalie Dalton (VA), Commissioner
17. Lynn Fielder (WV), Designee

Compact Staff and Guests in Attendance:

1. Tracy Bradley (FL)
2. Tracy Cassell (GA)
3. Victor Roberts (GA)
4. Kimberly Dickerson (LA)
5. Stephen Horton (NC)
6. Mason Harrington (SC)
7. Tiffany Howard (SC)
8. Corrie Copeland (TN)
9. Carla Fults, Ex officio (AAICPC)

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Leslie Anderson, Logistics and Administrative Coordinator

Call to Order

T. Marchand (NC) called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

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

Agenda

D. Liedecke (TX) made a motion to approve the agenda. M. Baggett (MS) seconded. The motion carried.

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**A. Denson (FL) made a motion to approve the July 11, 2019 meeting minutes.
A. Bridgewater (LA) seconded. The motion carried.**

Discussion

Executive Committee Update

Representative T. Marchand (NC) reported the following updates:

- The FY 2020 – 2023 Strategic Plan will be presented during General Session during the Commission Chair Report.
- During the region meeting, members will be provided the opportunity to provide nominations for the positions of Commission Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer. The nominations for each position will be presented to the Commission during General Session for a vote to appoint a member for each position.
- The Executive Committee approved the Commission to enter a contract with Optimum Technology to develop the new data system that will replace the current JIDS data system.
- Representative T. Marchand thanked the region members for their participation on ICJ committees, introduced and congratulated Commissioner T. Oliver (GA) and Deputy Compact Administrator/Designee F. Dauway (SC) on their recent appointments.

Proposed Rule Amendments

Representative T. Marchand (NC) opened the floor for discussion on the fifteen (15) proposed rule amendments that were presented by the Rules Committee prior to the region meeting. There was no discussion by the region members.

State Updates

- P. Pendergast (AL) reported several new compact staff appointments.
- J. Regis (DC) reported that the District of Columbia was currently in the process of hiring additional compact staff.
- A. Denson (FL) reported several new compact staff appointments.
- T. Cassell (GA) reported that Tyrone Oliver had been appointed as Commissioner and Victor Roberts as the Deputy Commissioner for the state of Georgia.
- A. Bridgewater (LA) reported that Louisiana continues to provide training to their local probation and parole staff. A quick reference guide was created to assist in training new compact staff.
 - Executive Director Underwood encouraged region members to share any training documents that are drafted with the National Office so that assistance can be provided to additional states for drafting materials for their staff as well.
- S. Jones (MD) reported that the Maryland ICJ office continues to promote ICJ visibility by working closely with court personnel, providing entry level training to all newly hired DJS employees, and providing technical assistance statewide. The ICJ office continues to work closely with the Maryland Human Trafficking

Services Collaborative as well as the Baltimore City Human Trafficking Collaborative.

- M. Baggett (MS) reported that Christopher Freeze had been appointed the Commissioner for the state of Mississippi.
- J. Hawkins (MO) reported Missouri legislation approved a bill to change the age of majority from seventeen (17) years of age to eighteen (18) years of age to begin January 1, 2021.
- S. Horton (NC) reported that as of December 1, 2019 the age of majority change from sixteen (16) years of age to eighteen (18) years of age in the state of North Carolina.
- R. Hendryx (OK) reported that the state of Oklahoma is discussing changing current legislation for age of majority in their state from eighteen (18) years of age to twenty-one (21) years of age and that the appointment of a new Governor may result in significant changes for ICJ in the state of Oklahoma.
- F. Dauway (SC) reported that she had been appointed the Deputy Compact Administrator and Full-time Designee for the state of South Carolina. There will be upcoming legislative changes that will impact the ICJ in the state of South Carolina and the region members will receive updates on the changes as they occur during future region meetings.
- C. Smith (TN) reported that Tennessee continues to provide instate training and technical assistance initiatives for their local field staff and court administrative staff.
- D. Liedecke (TX) reported a contract has been successfully entered with a provider regarding airport surveillance supervision staff at Dallas Fort Worth Airport. Acknowledgement was made to the Airport Surveillance Sub-work Group for their work and that their sentiment was appreciated.
- L. Fielder (WV) reported that she had been appointed as the Designee for the state of West Virginia.

Old Business

P. Pendergast (AL) reported that the Finance Committee approved the Airport Surveillance Work Group to move forward with research on the topic at their July 23, 2019 meeting. The Work Group met on August 13, 2019 and discussed potential issues with tracking, accounting issues, and the potential need for amendments to ICJ Rules and By-laws. The Work Group agreed not to pursue this topic further at this time.

New Business

S. Jones (MD) recommended that the region review the current ICJ requisitions process to ensure the Commission is utilizing the process consistently and in the most efficient manner.

- The region discussed issues they had encountered with the process and possible causes for those issues. Topics discussed were cases involving an individual not in juvenile custody, differences if the juvenile is entered into NCIC, confusion with juvenile pick up orders, changes in the JIDS workflow interpretation, training issues, and lack of written documentation regarding the requisition process in case files.
- Representative T. Marchand (NC) suggested referral to the Executive Committee and/or Rules Committee and for further review.

Officer Nominations

Representative T. Marchand explained the nomination process. The region members were reminded that the current officers were not seeking re-election.

- **Treasurer**

- Representative T. Marchand explained the requirements and expectations for the Treasurer position and opened the floor for nominations.
- There were no nominations made for the position of Treasurer.

- **Vice Chair**

- Representative T. Marchand explained the requirements and expectations for the Vice Chair position and opened the floor for nominations.
- S. Jones (MD) nominated F. Dauway (SC). F. Dauway accepted the nomination.
- N. Dalton (VA) nominated C. Smith (TN). C. Smith accepted the nomination.
- F. Dauway (SC) withdrew her original acceptance of the nomination made by S. Jones (MD).
- Representative T. Marchand (NC) closed the floor for nominations.
- C. Smith (TN) will move forward for the position of Vice Chair.

- **Chair**

- Representative T. Marchand explained the requirements and expectations for the Chair position and opened the floor for nominations.
- J. Hawkins (MO) nominated N. Belli (OR). N. Belli was not present to accept the nomination.
- F. Dauway (SC) nominated S. Jones (MD). S. Jones (MD) accepted the nomination.
- A. Bridgewater (LA) nominated C. Smith (TN). C. Smith (TN) respectfully declined the nomination.
- Representative T. Marchand (NC) closed the floor for nominations.
- **C. Smith (TN) suggested a written ballot vote to determine the region nominee for Chair. T. Marchand agreed that this was appropriate procedure.**
- Executive Director Underwood passed out ballot forms to the region members and L. Anderson collected the completed ballots and assisted Executive Director Underwood in compiling the results.
- Representative T. Marchand (NC) announced that N. Belli (OR) was selected to move forward as the nominee for the position of Chair.

Adjourn

T. Marchand adjourned the meeting by acclimation at 5:03 p.m. ET.