

# INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

*West Regional Meeting Minutes*

February 4, 2026

3:00 pm EST

Via Zoom



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## Preliminary Business

### Call to Order

Representative N. Belli (OR) called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. EST.

### Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll and quorum was established.

### Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Nina Belli (OR), Commissioner, West Regional Representative
2. Antonio DeJesus (CA), Commissioner, Alternate Regional Representative
3. Howard Wykes (AZ), Designee
4. Brooke Montelongo (CO), Commissioner
5. Kristin Davidson (HI), Commissioner
6. Mike Barthel (MT), Commissioner
7. Dale Dodd (NM), Commissioner
8. Sharon Anderson (NV), Commissioner
9. Raymundo Gallardo (UT), Designee
10. Jedd Pelander (WA), Commissioner
11. Maureen Clifton (WY), Commissioner

### Additional State ICJ Personnel in Attendance:

1. Sarah Abramczyk (AK)
2. CJ Keys (AK)
3. Dawn Bonnet (AK)
4. Craig Massey (AZ)
5. Shirleen Cadiz (HI)
6. Robert Hislop (MT)
7. Jamie Briggs (MT)
8. Gladys Altamirano (NV)
9. Steven Bruun (NV)
10. Amy Rominger (OR)
11. Daniel Meza Ricon (UT)
12. Brandon Schimelpfenig (WY)
13. Dawn Bailey (WA)

### Commissioners Not in Attendance:

1. Anne Connor (ID), Commissioner

### **National Office Staff in Attendance:**

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Jenny Adkins, Director of Operations, Rules, and Compliance
3. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Development Manager
4. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist
5. Joe Johnson, Technology Systems Manager

### **Agenda**

**M. Clifton (WY) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed by way of unanimous consent.**

### **Minutes**

**A. DeJesus (CA) made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on November 5, 2025. The motion passed by way of unanimous consent.**

### **Reports**

- Executive Committee
  - Representative N. Belli (OR) provided a report on recent Executive Committee activities.
- Compliance Committee
  - D. Bailey (WA) provided a report on recent Compliance Committee activities.
- Finance Committee
  - D. Dodd (NM) and Director Underwood provided a report on recent Finance Committee activities.
- Information Technology Committee
  - A. DeJesus (CA) provided a report on recent Technology Committee activities.
- Racial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee
  - B. Montelongo (CO) provided a report on recent RDEI Committee activities.
- Rules Committee
  - D. Bailey (WA) provided a report on recent Rules Committee activities.
- Training Committee
  - R. Gallardo (UT) provided a report on recent Training Committee activities.
- Work Group on Returning Non-Delinquent Youths
  - S. Abramczyk (AK) provided a report on recent Work Group on Returning Non-Delinquent Youth activities.

### **Unfinished Business**

**Update on West Region UNITY enhancement request**

- Representative N. Belli (OR) provided an update on the West Region's Unity Enhancement request, which was submitted on November 19, 2025, and will be reviewed by the Information Technology Committee for consideration.

## New Business

### Promoting the Compact

- Representative N. Belli (OR) asked members to share what they are doing in their state to promote the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ).
- H. Wykes (AZ) shared that Arizona has been promoting the compact by developing a new court code for ICJ cases, providing legal training to external stakeholders, and collaborating with the child welfare team to update policies.
- B. Montelongo (CO) reported on her work in Colorado, including training efforts and human trafficking initiatives.
- A. DeJesus (CA) shared California's focus on quarterly stakeholder trainings and building relationships with legal and accounting departments.
- D. Bailey (WA) shared that Washington hosts an "ICJ Road Show," through which she will make herself available to visit counties and parole regions to provide training, one-on-one sessions, and to respond to questions.
- Representative N. Belli (OR) discussed Oregon's efforts to update local court policies and train a new ICJ specialist.

### Hot Topics from the *ICJ Updates*

- ICJ Wednesday Workshop
  - B. Montelongo (CO) shared that the Commission's Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee would present the upcoming Wednesday Workshop on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 1:00 pm ET. [Please click here to register.](#)
- Representative N. Belli (OR) reminded members to report in-state training data from any ICJ Trainings conducted from July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, using [this form](#).
- ICJ Conversations in Film Club screenings
  - B. Montelongo (CO) shared that the ICJ Conversations in Film screening would be held on Friday, February 27, 2026, from 12:00-2:00 pm ET. [Please click here to register.](#)
    - February's feature will be *Hyphen-Nation*, a resource from the New York Times that features stories of people who share their experience of race in America.
  - B. Montelongo (CO) shared that the ICJ Conversations in Film screening would be held on Friday, March 27, 2026, from 12:00-2:00 pm ET. [Please click here to register.](#)
    - March's feature will be *Nameless*, a documentary that addresses child sex trafficking in Washington, DC, and at-large. Through interviews with experts, advocates, and activists, child sex trafficking is reframed as a form of sexual violence that is often made invisible. Child sex trafficking is explored as an issue with deep historical-cultural roots, tackles misperceptions about which populations are most vulnerable to being trafficked and illuminates systemic gaps in the current treatment of

trafficking victims. Featuring 15 interviewees on the frontlines of the issue, Nameless mobilizes viewers to recognize and combat child sex trafficking.

**Next Steps**

The next West Region Meeting was scheduled for June 3, 2026, at 3:00 pm EST.

**Adjourn**

Representative Belli adjourned the meeting by way of unanimous consent at 3:54 pm EST.