

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

West Regional Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2025

3:00 pm EDT

Via Zoom



Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Representative N. Belli (OR) called the meeting to order at 3:01 pm EDT.

Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll and quorum was established.

Voting Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

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

Compact Staff in Attendance:

1. Nichel Saceda-Hurt (AK)
2. Jon Garcia (CA)
3. Jose Villalobos (CA)
4. Shirleen Cadiz (HI)
5. Robert Hislop (MT)
6. Leslie Archibald (NM)
7. Gladys Altamirano (NV)
8. Steven Bruun (NV)
9. Sharon Anderson (NV)
10. Anali Aaron (OR)
11. Dawn Bailey (WA), Designee

Voting Members Not in Attendance:

1. Sonia Sweeney (UT), Commissioner

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Jenny Adkins, Operations and Policy Specialist
3. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager
4. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
5. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist

Agenda

A. Connor (ID) 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 January 29, 2025. The motion passed by way of unanimous consent.

Reports

- Executive Committee
 - Representative N. Belli (OR) emphasized the importance of members' engagement and participation in regional meetings and encouraged members to provide feedback.
 - A. DeJesus (CA) stated that he loves hearing feedback from other members during region meetings and how everyone works collaboratively together.
 - S. Anderson (NV) stated that she appreciates being able to see everyone on Zoom and for encouraging members to provide feedback.
 - M. Clifton (WY) agreed that the new standards for region meeting participation are fair and easy to follow.
 - Representative N. Belli (OR) stated that at the face-to-face executive Committee meeting in Lexington, Kentucky, the Executive Committee reviewed the Commission's Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Strategic Plan initiative and actions. They assessed the Commission's current progress on the strategic plan. She stated there will be more to come within the upcoming months on the FY26 Strategic Plan.
 - Representative N. Belli (OR) reported that [Advisory Opinion 1-2025](#), ICJ Rule 7-103 Not Applicable to Youth Placed in Residential Facilities Pursuant to ICPC, was approved for publication and is available on the Commission's website.
 - Representative N. Belli (OR) reminded members that the 2025 [Annual Business Meeting](#) will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on August 25-27, 2025, and registration will open on June 1st.
- Compliance Committee
 - Director Underwood provided a report on recent Compliance Committee activities.
 - Director Underwood presented information regarding the Commission's Performance Measurement Assessment Practices and requested feedback on the Compliance Committee's proposal to remove Performance Measurement Standards A-07 and A-11.
 - Standard A-07 states: "With regard to probation cases, Sending States shall ensure referral documents are complete and forwarded to the receiving state. (Rule 4-102(2)(b))."
 - Standard A-11 states: "Travel permits shall not exceed 90 calendar days. (Rule 8-101(3))."
 - A. Connor (ID) noted that all standards related to state policies and procedures were already removed from the list of Performance Measurement Standards and expressed concerns regarding unintended consequences. She added that UNITY prevents ICJ offices from unknowingly processing cases that do not meet A-07 and A-11. She also noted that individuals are more likely to "work around" UNITY's safeguards in states that lack adequate policies and procedures.
 - R. Heide (AK) asked how the Compliance Committee would check for compliance with standard A-07. He stated that it is an issue that the Receiving State would identify at the moment and that it does not seem to have an immediate, correctible compliance intent behind it.
 - Jenny Adkins, National Office, stated that removing standards from the list does not remove a state's obligation to adhere to the ICJ Rules. If standards A-07 and/or A-11 are

- removed, it just means that the Compliance Committee will not include the two standards in their assessments.
 - B. Montelongo (CO) agreed with removing the two standards from the Performance Measurement Assessment.
- Rules Committee
 - H. Wykes (AZ) provided a report on recent Rules Committee activities
 - The Public Hearing, which must be conducted as part of the rule promulgation period, will be held virtually on Wednesday, August 6, 2025, at 1:00 pm EDT.
- Finance Committee
 - D. Dodd (NM) provided a report on recent Finance Committee activities.
- Racial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee
 - B. Montelongo (CO) provided a report on recent Racial DEI Committee activities.
 - A poll was conducted to increase awareness of state human trafficking screening practices and resources.
- Training Committee
 - R. Heide (AK) provided a report on recent Training Committee activities.
- Work Group on Returning Non-Delinquent Youths
 - R. Gallardo (UT) and A. Connor (ID) provided a report on recent work group activities.

Unfinished Business

Discussion of Request for an Advisory Opinion regarding California's SB-135

- Representative N. Belli (OR) advised that a memorandum regarding addressing California's request was distributed to West Region members, with California's permission. She summarized that California determined that future transfer of supervision (TOS) requests for individuals subject to SB-135 will be processed under the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision (ICAOS). The Commission supports this determination.

New Business

- A. DeJesus (CA) introduced Jon Garcia as the new deputy compact administrator for California.

Hot Topics from the ICJ Updates

- ICJ Wednesday Workshop
 - Representative N. Belli (OR) stated that the topic would be "Tribal Nations 101" on Wednesday, April 30, 2025, at 1:00 pm EDT.
- On May 7, 2025, federal [Real ID](#) requirements will be in full effect for all air travel.
 - Representative N. Belli (OR) highlighted that UNITY users can produce the ICJ Transportation Identification Form as an alternate means of verification of a juvenile's identity when traveling by air.

Next Steps

There was no discussion of next steps at this point.

Adjourn

Representative Belli adjourned the meeting by way of unanimous consent at 4:24 pm EDT.