

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

West Regional Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2026

3:00 pm EDT

Via Zoom



Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Representative N. Belli (OR) called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. EDT.

Roll Call

J. Adkins 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. Sarah Abramczyk (AK), Commissioner
4. Howard Wykes (AZ), Designee
5. Brooke Montelongo (CO), Commissioner
6. Kristin Davidson (HI), Commissioner
7. Raymundo Gallardo (UT), Designee
8. Dawn Bailey (WA), Designee

Additional State ICJ Personnel in Attendance:

1. Craig Massey (AZ)
2. Shirleen Cadiz (HI)
3. Jen Baer (ID)
4. Jamie Briggs (MT)
5. Gladys Altamirano (NV)
6. Steven Bruun (NV)
7. Amy Rominger (OR)

Commissioners Not in Attendance:

1. Mike Barthel (MT), Commissioner
2. Dale Dodd (NM), Commissioner
3. Sharon Anderson (NV), Commissioner
4. Daniel Meza Ricon (UT), Commissioner
5. Jedd Pelander (WA), Commissioner
6. Maureen Clifton (WY), 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

H. Wykes (AZ) 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 February 4, 2026. 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) and Director Underwood provided a report on recent Compliance Committee activities.
- Finance Committee
 - Director Underwood provided a report on recent Finance Committee activities.
- Racial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee
 - B. Montelongo (CO) provided a report on recent RDEI Committee activities.
- Information Technology Committee
 - J. Johnson provided a report on recent Technology Committee activities.
- Rules Committee
 - H. Wykes (AZ) 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

West Region UNITY Enhancement Request Update

- Representative N. Belli (OR) provided an update on the region's UNITY Enhancement Request, stating that the Technology Committee is still reviewing it and will provide feedback soon.

New Business

Conduct Airline Refusal of Youth Boarding Survey *by South Region*

- K. Wade shared that several states in the South Region have experienced issues on multiple occasions with airlines refusing to allow youth to board flights. A survey was developed to gather information and determine whether other states are encountering similar challenges.
- A survey was administered to assess how widespread challenges with airlines are and to identify how states are addressing them.

Annual Business Meeting [Registration](#) and [Nominations](#)

- Director Underwood announced that registration is open June 1 – 30, 2026, for the 2026 Annual Business Meeting (ABM).
- This registration period will include nominations for chair, vice chair, treasurer, regional representatives, and Leadership and Rising Star Awards. Commissioners & Full-Time Designees are eligible to be nominated and/or to make a nomination.
 - The recipient of the Leadership award exhibits outstanding leadership skills and dedication to the Interstate Commission for Juveniles through extraordinary service.
 - The Rising Star Award recognizes a Commission member that has demonstrated special ability or leadership during their first 2 years.

State Update- Colorado

- B. Montelongo (CO) shared her efforts to make a statute change in Colorado to bring her compact administrator closer to the ICJ office.

Hot Topics from the *ICJ Updates*

- Representative N. Belli (OR) shared that the [2025 State Council Report](#) was now published on the Commission's website.
- Representative N. Belli (OR) reminded members to [report data](#) from any in-state ICJ trainings conducted July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, by July 1, 2026.

Next Steps

The next West Region Meeting was scheduled for September 1, 2026, at 3:00 pm EDT.

Adjourn

Representative Belli adjourned the meeting by way of unanimous consent at 3:58 pm EDT.