

# INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

## *West Regional Meeting Minutes*

August 26, 2025, 3:30 pm EDT

Hilton Cleveland Downtown, Cleveland, Ohio

Center Street Room D



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### Preliminary Business

#### **Call to Order**

Representative N. Belli (OR) called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm ET.

#### **Roll Call**

National Training & Administrative Specialist Amanee Cabbagestalk called the roll and quorum was established.

#### **Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:**

1. Nina Belli (OR), Commissioner, West Regional Representative
2. Antonio DeJesus (CA), Commissioner, West Alternate Regional Representative
3. Howard Wykes (AZ), Commissioner's Voting Designee
4. Brooke Montelongo (CO), Commissioner
5. Shirleen Cadiz (HI), Commissioner's Voting Designee
6. Anne Connor (ID), Commissioner
7. Dale Dodd (NM), Commissioner
8. Raymundo Gallardo (UT), Commissioner's Voting Designee
9. Dawn Bailey (WA), Commissioner's Voting Designee
10. Maureen Clifton (WY), Commissioner

#### **Ex Officio Member:**

1. Judge Kathleen Quigley, President, National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)

#### **Additional State ICJ Personnel in Attendance:**

1. Sharon Anderson (NV)
2. Brandon Schimelpfenig (WY), ICJ Coordinator

#### **Commissioners Not in Attendance:**

1. Kristin Davidson (HI)
2. Mike Barthel (MT)
3. Sonia Sweeney (UT)
4. Jedd Pelander (UT)

#### **National Office Staff:**

5. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training 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 April 22, 2025. The motion passed by way of unanimous consent.

## Committee Reports

- B. Montelongo (CO) presented a summary of the Human Trafficking Poll Results on behalf of the Racial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee, which was available on page 56 of the [2025 Annual Business Meeting Docket Book](#).
  - D. Dodd (NM) commented he sometimes receive information about human trafficking allegations after the case has closed and at this point and he cannot go back to edit the field in UNITY. A. Connor (ID) suggested testing the event to reopen a return to see if you can then edit the field.
  - H. Wykes (AZ) suggested West Region members make a commitment to fill out the “Other Pertinent Return Information” section in UNITY, as it includes the human trafficking field. West Region agreed to do so moving forward.
  - Representative Belli (OR) requested that members to come to the next meeting with suggestions on what they would like to see next from the RDEI Committee related to human trafficking data. Suggestions included: editing the [Responding to Human Trafficking Victims within ICJ Best Practice](#), and adding an event and/or tooltip in UNITY.

## Unfinished Business

- There was no unfinished business.

## New Business

- Discuss the proposed amendments
  - The West Region discussed the proposed amendments to the ICJ Rules.
- Provide feedback on concept of extending rules cycle to three years
  - Region members agreed that there are benefits to moving to a three-year cycle. However, some West Region members were undecided about the change and requested additional information on what the 3-year rule process would entail.
  - A. Connor (ID) and D. Bailey (WA) suggested that the criteria for promulgating emergency rules or amendments in Rule 2-103(10) be more clearly defined.
- Review election process and candidate list
  - West Region members H. Wykes (AZ) and D. Dodd (NM) were running for Commission Chair and Commission Treasurer, respectively.
- Committee Sign Ups
  - Representative Belli (OR) encouraged region members to sign up for committees on the Commission’s website and/or Yapp App.
- New Mexico
  - D. Dodd (NM) stated that New Mexico did not have funding to return youth. He is working on a solution, but is concerned returns will not take place within five days timeframe.
- California
  - A. DeJesus (CA) expressed concerns about potential delays in California due to events that have disrupted operations. He invited others to contact him directly if they experienced issues.

## Next Steps

- Representative Belli (OR) requested that region members:
  - Complete human trafficking field in UNITY
  - Come to the next meeting with ideas/feedback for improving responses to human trafficking.

- Representative Belli (OR) will provide feedback to Rules Chair J. Hawkins (MO) regarding today's discussion about the three-year rules cycle.

Adjourn

Representative Belli adjourned the meeting by way of unanimous consent at 4:40 pm ET.