

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

South Region Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2026

11:00 am EST

Via Zoom



Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Representative F. Dauway (SC) called the meeting to order at 11:00 am EST.

Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Felicia Dauway (SC), Designee, Regional Representative
2. Jean Hall (FL), Commissioner, Alternate Region Representative
3. Chanda Leshoure (AL), Designee
4. Judy Miller (AR), Designee
5. Jefferson Regis (DC), Commissioner
6. Amy Welch (KY), Commissioner
7. Angela Bridgewater (LA), Commissioner
8. Sherry Jones (MD), Commissioner
9. Maxine Baggett (MS), Designee
10. Julie Hawkins (MO), Commissioner
11. Stephen Horton (NC), Commissioner
12. Robert Hendryx (OK), Designee
13. Corrie Copeland (TN), Commissioner
14. Natalie Dalton (VA), Commissioner
15. Daryl Liedecke (TX), Designee
16. Lynn Fielder (WV), Designee

Additional State ICJ Personnel in Attendance:

1. Cameron McCaskill (AR)
2. Rhonda Turner (FL)
3. Terrance Clayton (FL)
4. Zariah Smalls (FL)
5. Tecara Richardson (FL)
6. Ty Ligon (FL)
7. Tracy Cassell (GA)
8. Melina Hampton (KY)
9. Ashley Hodges (KY)
10. Deanna McNulty (LA), Designee
11. Latoya Oliver (MD)
12. Abbye Tyler (MD)
13. Alan Garrett (NC)

14. Mason Harrington (SC)
15. Bridget Webb (SC)
16. Jessica Stefenack (VA)

Voting Commissioners/Designees Not in Attendance:

1. Steven Lafreniere (AL), Commissioner
2. Rusty Rodgers (GA), Commissioner
3. Robert Anderson (MS), Commissioner
4. Stephanie Bond (WV), Commissioner
5. Louis (Lou) Serrano (TX), Commissioner

National Office Staff in Attendance:

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

Agenda

C. Copeland (TN) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed.

Minutes

J. Miller (AR) made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting on November 5, 2025, as presented. The motion passed.

Reports

Executive Committee

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) provided a report on recent Executive Committee activities.

Compliance Committee

- J. Hawkins (MO) provided a report on recent Compliance Committee activities and presented the Performance Measurement Assessment (PMA) Program Toolkit on the Commission's website.

Finance Committee

- Finance Committee Vice Chair C. Copeland (TN) provided a report on recent Finance Committee activities.

Information Technology Committee

- J. Johnson (National Office) provided a report on recent Information Technology Committee activities.

Racial Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

- B. Webb (SC) provided a report on recent Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (RDEI) activities.

Rules Committee

- Rules Committee Chair J. Hawkins (MO) provided a report on recent Rules Committee activities.

Training Committee

- C. Leshoure (AL) provided a report on recent Training Committee activities.

Work Group on Non-Delinquent Youth

- Director Underwood provided a report on recent activities of the Work Group on Non-Delinquent Youth.

Unfinished Business

Continue Discussing Protocols for Transfer of Supervision (TOS) with Tribal Nations and Reservation Lands

- Representative F. Dauway (SC) asked members if they had any updates to share. No additional discussion was reported.

Determine ICJ Response to Procedures for Airline Refusal of Youth Boarding

- N. Dalton (VA) raised a concern about the challenges that states face when transporting unaccompanied minors via commercial airlines, particularly issues with airline staff refusing to allow children to board flights. She noted that this problem has led to fiscal challenges for states due to extended detention periods and emphasized the need for a collaborative approach to address it.
- Many members reported having difficulties with United Airlines.
- T. Cassell (GA) stated that Georgia has had success using American Airlines when returning youth. She recommended educating airlines about the Interstate Compact for Juveniles (ICJ).
- M. Hampton (KY) shared that Kentucky had an issue with a pilot refusing to allow an 18-year-old youth on a flight. Kentucky Law Enforcement waited for the next flight with a different Pilot, who allowed the youth to board.
- D. Liedecke (TX) shared that he has a contact at American Airlines who helps with Texas's airport supervision. He stated that he will reach out to him to see if there is any advice.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) proposed forming a small workgroup to develop solutions.
- D. Liedecke (TX), J. Hall (FL), C. Copeland (TN), J. Stefenack (VA), M. Harrington (SC), and T. Cassell (GA) volunteered to assist on the work group.
- Members agreed to continue discussions in a larger format while the workgroup explores potential resolutions, including engaging with airlines and airports, and possibly involving TSA representatives.
- Representative F. Dauway (SC) shared that she will reach out to the work group volunteers to plan a meeting.

New Business

There was no new business discussed.

Hot Topics from ICJ Updates

- ICJ Wednesday Workshop
 - Representative F. Dauway (SC) 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 F. Dauway (SC) 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
 - Representative F. Dauway (SC) 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 would be *Hyphen-Nation*, a resource from the New York Times that features stories of people who share their experience of race in America.
 - Representative F. Dauway (SC) 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 would 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 South Region Meeting was scheduled for June 11, 2026, at 11:00 am EST.

Adjourn

Representative Dauway (SC) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 12:11 pm EST.