

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission
Regular Meeting
February 21, 2025

Location: Hybrid – Idaho Supreme Court Building

Time: 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Members Present:

Ashley Dowell, Chair, IDJC	Erik Lehtinen, SAPD
Tracy Basterrechea, Chiefs of Police Association	Justin Whatcott, U.S. Attorney, District of Idaho
Kieran Donahue, Vice Chair, ISA	Jeff Nye, Idaho Attorney General’s Office
Monty Prow, Health & Welfare	Darren Simpson, Judge, District Court
Bill Gardiner, Idaho State Police	McKenzie Johnson, Office of the Governor
Vacant, Public Member	Marianne King, Office of Drug Policy

Eric Fredericksen, State Public Defender
Christine Starr, Comm of Pardons & Parole
Josh Tewalt, Department of Correction
Bernadette LaSarte, Public Member
Grant Loeb, Prosecuting Attorneys Assoc.

Comprising a quorum of Idaho Criminal Justice Commission (Commission)

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Members Absent:

Chris Mathias, House Jud, Rules & Admin	Melissa Wintrow, Senate Judiciary & Rules
Todd Lakey, Senate Judiciary & Rules Chairman	Jonathon Brody, Judge, District Court
Denton Darrington, Public Member	Sara Omundson, Idaho Supreme Court
Greg Wilson, Department of Education	

~~Thomas Sullivan, Judge, Magistrate Court~~
~~Bruce Skaug, House Jud & Rules Admin~~
Seth Grigg, Idaho Association of Counties

Others Present:

Shelly Anzuoni, Pardon & Parole
Jason Spillman, Idaho Supreme Court

Agenda <i>Who's Responsible</i>		Meeting Outcomes/Decisions Reached	Due Date
9:00 am	Call to Order— <i>Chair Ashley Dowell</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome and Roll Call— <i>Chair Ashley Dowell</i> Review Commission's Vision and Mission Statement and Values—<i>Commission Members</i> 	The chairman called the meeting to order at 9:09 am MT.	
Commission Management			
	Action Item – Approve January 31, 2025 Minutes Action Item- Approve Grant Review Council Members	<i>Eric Fredericksen made a motion to approve the minutes from January 31, 2025, Tracey Basterrechea seconded. Motion carried.</i> <i>Tracey Basterrechea made a motion to approve the amended executive order to include IPAA, ISA, and ICOPA (Rex Ingram) seats on the commission, Kieran Donahue seconded. Motion carried</i>	
Promote Well-Informed Policy Decisions			
	Discussion of action items and subcommittees Action Item- Approve potential action items and related subcommittees for discussion with Gov. Little	All of these items came from commission members. We will review each item and then prioritize the top five overall. The IBHC in the prevention workgroup is working on parent engagement and education and Youth life-skills. There is a Diversion workgroup could possibly take on the neurocognitive holds. Public Safety: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- Recommend IBHC take this on. 2- Recommend IBHC take this on. 3- Separate these. There are a lot of issues to cover. 4- Maybe we shouldn't pinpoint one particular elected office. There were suggestions to add emergency communication and cross jurisdictional collaboration. Prevention & Diversion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- This is a significant problem. We will not have IBHC review this at this time. Criminal Offense & Conviction: There was discussion about sentencing guidelines. One felt that there aren't any sentencing guideline so what do we really want the group to review? The word "guidelines" draws a certain conclusion. Group agreed to remove "guidelines" and "standard" from the sentence.	

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		<p>Rehabilitation & Reentry: No changes.</p> <p>Non-voting members: Judges, Idaho Supreme Court, and U.S. Attorney</p> <p>Public Vote by show of hands for each item: PS-3:12 PS-4: 10 PS-5:1 PS-6: 3 PS-7: 5 PS-8: 3</p> <p>PD-1: 6 PD-2: 1</p> <p>COC-1: 6 COC-2: 0 COC-3: 5 COC-4: 5 COC-5: 0</p> <p>RR-1: 6</p> <p><i>Kieran Donahue made a motion to send PS-3, PS-4, PD-1, COC-1, and RR-1 to the Governor for feedback and approval, Josh Tewalt seconded. Motion carried.</i></p>	
	<p>Discussion on process for legislative requests moving forward</p>	<p>After talking to the Governor's office, ICJC will not endorse legislation as a group, unless our subcommittees come up with potential legislation. Other legislation will be pushed out to members to provide feedback or not, but that feedback will not be on behalf of the ICJC membership. Need language that</p>	

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		says a lack of feedback does not state that the agency supports the proposal. Jeff Nye will draft some language for the group to review.	
	ICJC MOU and Cost Sharing Options	<p>As part of the work done on the strategic plan, there may be a need for a project manager. Discussions with the Chairman, IAC, and the Governor's office will continue. We could consider the current arrangement. The project manager role could fall upon the chair of the commission. We will need a short term and long-term solution.</p> <p>Each agency may not have the capacity to take on the project manager role and administration.</p> <p>Sara Omundson will speak to the project manager and costs for the IBHC at the next meeting.</p> <p>We need to understand the scope of the work before we will really know if the project manager needs to be part-time or full-time.</p>	
	Adjourn	<i>Kieran Donahue made a motion to adjourn, Jeff Nye seconded. Motion carried.</i>	

Next regularly scheduled meeting to be held in Boise, Friday, March 14, 2025

“Collaborating for a Safer Idaho”