

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission
Regular Meeting
June 27, 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
Chris Mathias, House Jud, Rules & Admin
Monty Prow, Health & Welfare
Vacant, Public Member
Erik Lehtinen, SAPD
Thomas Sullivan, Judge, Magistrate Court
Jeff Nye, Idaho Attorney General's Office

Darren Simpson, Judge, District Court
Bruce Skaug, House Jud & Rules Admin
McKenzie Johnson, Office of the Governor
Denton Darrington, Public Member
Marianne King, Office of Drug Policy
Eric Fredericksen, State Public Defender
Christine Starr, Comm of Pardons & Parole

Bree Derrick, Department of Correction
Bernadette LaSarte, Public Member
Grant Loebs, Prosecuting Attorneys Assoc.
Seth Grigg, Idaho Association of Counties
Greg Wilson, Department of Education

Comprising a quorum of Idaho Criminal Justice Commission (Commission)

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission Members Absent:

Sara Omundson, Idaho Supreme Court
Tracy Basterrechea, Chiefs of Police Association
Kieran Donahue, Vice Chair, ISA

Melissa Wintrow, Senate Judiciary & Rules
Todd Lakey, Senate Judiciary & Rules Chairman
Jonathon Brody, Judge, District Court

Bill Gardiner, Idaho State Police
Justin Whatcott, U.S. Attorney, District of Idaho

Others Present:

Lt. Colonel Fritz Zweigart, ISP
Jason Spillman, Idaho Supreme Court
Connie ?, public member
Jen Rupe, AG's office

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> 		
	Commission Management		
	Action Item – Approve April 11, 2025 Minutes	<i>Jeff Nye made a motion to approve the minutes from April 2025, Erik Lehtinen seconded. Motion carried.</i> <i>Seth Grigg made a motion to amend the agenda to consider the MOU first, Jeff Nye seconded. Motion carried.</i>	
	Promote Well-Informed Policy Decisions		
	Subcommittee Updates: 1. Human Trafficking- Office of the Attorney General and Idaho State Police 2. Sex Crimes- Chiefs of Police Association and Erik Lehtinen 3. Public Safety Positions- Sheriffs' Association and State Department of Education 4. Coroner System- Kelli Brassfield and Senator Wintrow 5. Neurocognitive Holds and Placements- Idaho Supreme Court and Department of Health and Welfare 6. Support for Victims- Christine Starr and Bernie LaSarte	Send committee lists out. 1. Doing a lot of outreach to make sure there isn't any duplication of work from other groups. Determining where to go next. Going to determine everyone's role in this topic. Going to try and answer the question of whether or not human trafficking is a problem in Idaho and what resources are available. Have not had a meeting yet. 2. Process of recruiting members for this subcommittee. Trying to focus on the front-end sex crimes. Want to try to prevent the crimes from happening in the first place. Have not had a meeting yet. 3. Forming some ideas and still in the discussion phase. 4. The coroner subcommittee has been developed. They have met twice. They reviewed the OPE report and the supplemental report. They have been discussing what they feel are the major areas of concern and have briefly provided some solutions. One area the group is focused on is around confidentiality of coroner records. This was an issue brought up in the last legislative session and the group wants to make sure this issue is resolved. 5. New developing area of law. Recruiting members for the subcommittee. Want to discuss reporting. The statewide numbers are quite low. Want to understand any issues with implementation of the new law. 6. Have had one initial meeting. Discussed what the top priorities should be. One of those priorities is a lack of equity for all types of victims. Also to try and have a one stop shop for resources. Discussed having a victim registration system so they are not lost during all processes. Going to review VINE.	

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	7. Riders- Idaho Department of Correction and Idaho Supreme Court	7. Had an initial meeting. Three tracks of work: what was the program intended to do, dig into the data about the program, and develop a survey to understand what the intent was so they can make some suggestions for changes.	
	Discussion of Subcommittee Action Items and Role	Want to avoid pitfalls. We don't want to duplicate efforts. We don't want to go in a direction that is not supported by the commission. Need to make sure all agencies know that they may be impacted.	
	Open Meeting and Public Records Training – Jeff Nye, AG Office	<p>There are manuals on the website.</p> <p>Pick a meeting location. You do have to have a physical location even if there is a virtual option. One member of the committee has to be at the physical location.</p> <p>Create an agenda. There are business items and action items. It is important that you follow the agenda. If you violate the open meeting law the vote isn't valid and you have to fix it.</p> <p>Post notice and agenda (5 days). Meeting notice is 5 days prior to the meeting and agenda needs to be posted 48 hours prior to the meeting. The notice and agendas need to be posted at the physical location. All ICJC subcommittees will have to post notices and agendas to Idaho Townhall (Kelli will do this as they are submitted to her).</p> <p>Basic rules: The meeting has to be open to the public, should have the majority of members present to conduct business, and there shouldn't be any funny business.</p> <p>Record minutes: The minutes need to show members present, shows all motions and vote results. You should also have a good summary of what was discussed.</p> <p>Return all materials to Kelli.</p> <p>Almost everything is a public record. There are very specific exemptions for not providing records when requested.</p>	

