

Idaho Criminal Justice Commission - Coroner Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

Date: October 14, 2025,

Location: Idaho Association of Counties,
700 W. Washington St., Boise, ID 83701

Time: 1:30 PM – 3:00 PM Mountain Time

Facilitators: Senator Melissa Wintrow and Kelli Brassfield (IAC)

Subcommittee Members:

- Senator Melissa Wintrow, JLOC Co-chair
- Kelli D. Brassfield, Idaho Association of Counties
- Ryan Langrill, Director, Office of Performance Evaluations
- Sheriff Bart Quayle, Fremont County
- Kirt Gaston, Bellevue Police Department
- Matthew Gamette, ISP Forensic Services
- Bernie LaSarte, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
- Robert Beers, Bonner County Coroner
- Joshua Hall, Nez Perce County Coroner
- Brett Harding, Ada County Chief Deputy Coroner
- Scott Carver, Valley County Coroner
- Torey Danner, Bannock County Coroner
- Will Carson, Twin Falls County Coroner
- Tara Beard Parsons, Butte County Coroner
- John Fudenberg, Executive Director, IACME
- Robert Bleazard, Ada County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

Action Item – Approval of the minutes from August 18, 2025.

Confidentiality Language – Current status, Senator Melissa Wintrow & Kelli D. Brassfield

Assignments – Kelli D. Brassfield & Senator Melissa Wintrow

- Deaths required for autopsies – see NAME recommendations:
 - <https://www.thename.org/assets/docs/2016%20NAME%20Forensic%20Autopsy%20Standards%209-25-2020.pdf>
 - the death is known or suspected to have been caused by apparent criminal violence.
 - the death is unexpected and unexplained in an infant or child.
 - the death is associated with police action.
 - the death is apparently non-natural and in custody of a local, state, or federal institution.
 - the death is due to acute workplace injury.
 - the death is caused by apparent electrocution.

- the death is by apparent intoxication by alcohol, drugs, or poison, unless a significant interval has passed, and the medical findings and absence of trauma are well documented.
- the death is caused by unwitnessed or suspected drowning.
- the body is unidentified, and the autopsy may aid in identification.
- the body is skeletonized.
- the body is charred.
- the forensic pathologist deems a forensic autopsy is necessary to determine cause or manner of death, or document injuries/disease, or collect evidence.
- the deceased is involved in a motor vehicle incident and an autopsy is necessary to document injuries and/or determine the cause of death.
- New facility possibility? – Facility field trip results
 - NAME standards for facility accreditation:
<https://www.thename.org/assets/docs/NAME%20Accreditation%20Autopsy%20Facilities%20Checklist%202024%20-%202029%207-25-2025.pdf>
 - North Idaho Facility? – Dr. Duke Johnson

Other Business – Kelli D. Brassfield & Senator Melissa Wintrow