



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

South Region Meeting NOTES

December 5, 2023 @ 1 PM ET
Teleconference

Members in Attendance:

1. Steve Turner, Chair, Kentucky
2. Chris Moore, Georgia
3. Joe Winkler, Florida
4. Jamie Lee, Louisiana
5. Martha Danner, Maryland
6. James Rudek, Oklahoma
7. Chris Hill, Tennessee
8. David Gutierrez, Texas
9. Jim Parks, Virginia

Members not in Attendance:

1. VACANT, Arkansas
2. Julie Kempker, Missouri
3. Nathan Blevins, Mississippi
4. Tom Langer, Alabama
5. Maggie Brewer, North Carolina
6. Melvin Warren, South Carolina
7. Richard Tischner, Washington D.C.
8. VACANT, West Virginia

Guests:

1. Tim Strickland, Florida
2. Joe Kuebler, Georgia
3. Miriam Dyson, Georgia
4. Lashonda Lee-Campbell, Maryland
5. Alison Woodruff, Missouri
6. LaVon Hill, Kentucky
7. Richie Spears, Mississippi
8. Emily Keefer, Oklahoma
9. Tawanna Davis, South Carolina
10. Christopher Harris, South Carolina
11. Betty Payton, North Carolina
12. Jacy Milicia, Texas
13. Rene Hinojosa, Texas
14. Taylor Wayland, Tennessee
15. Don Werner, Kentucky

16. Julie Lohman, Virginia
17. Elizabeth Powell, Washington DC
18. Jordan McKinley, West Virginia

Staff:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Allen Eskridge, Policy and Operations Director
3. Barno Saturday, Logistics and Administrator Coordinator
4. Xavier Donnelly, ICOTS Project Manager
5. Mindy Spring, Administrative and Training Coordinator
6. Drake Greeott, Web Development Manager

Call to order

Chair S. Turner (KY) called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm ET. Nine voting members were present establishing a quorum.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner C. Moore (GA) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner J. Rudek (OK) seconded. Agenda approved.

Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) reached out to Chair S. Turner (KY) prior to the meeting to request the following change to the minutes:

“Motion to nominate Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) for South Region Chair made by Commissioner J. Kempker (MO) seconded by D. Guitierrez. ~~Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) declined the nomination.~~

Motion to nominate Commissioner S. Turner (KY) for South Region Chair made by Commissioner D. Skyles (WV) seconded by Commissioner J. Kempker (MO.) Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) withdrew her nomination.”

Commissioner J. Parks (VA) moved to approve the minutes from September 19, 2023, as amended. Commissioner D. Guttierrez (TX) seconded. Minutes approved as amended.

Discussion

Are there any policy or practice issues around current trends or compact procedures your state has encountered since the last region meeting: Commissioner M. Danner (MD) noted an issue with warrants not being entered timely into NCIC. She noted that their office must provide compliance training on a continuing basis to the multijurisdictional law enforcement agencies.

DCA A. Woodruff (MO) also experiences issues with warrants issued in a timely manner and staying in compliance. She sends out compliance information to judges.

Chair S. Turner (KY) noted that their office requests to attend a close door conference for judges.

DCA E. Powell (DC) stated that she is holding judicial training for 28 judges this week.

Commissioner D. Gutierrez (TX) stated that Texas had a state council meeting where they discussed retaking and warrant compliance. He asked the council members for their support.

Commissioner C. Moore (GA) noted the high cost of retaking and suggested looking into this issue noting that not all eligible supervised individuals need to be retaken.

Are there any challenges or difficulties your state has encountered when interpreting the rules related to specific Compact cases that need clarification? DCA T. Strickland (FL) noted that he plans to schedule a DCA South Region meeting in January to discuss proposals to amend Rule 5.101-2, Rule 2.110, and Rule 3.103.

Are there any potential rule amendments that we need to consider from the region? Commissioner C. Moore (GA) asked the region about a situation when a supervised individual absconds and then gets arrested for a new charge, what takes precedent, the absconding requiring retaking or arrest for a new charge making the individual not being eligible for retaking.

Old/New Business

Executive Director A. Lippert stated that the Executive Committee unanimously approved replacing the term 'offender' with 'supervised individual' in the Commission's publications, rules, and on its official website. This change aims to foster a more person-centered approach while eliminating barriers and biases associated with traditional terminology. It demonstrates the Commission's commitment to evolving practices that align with the values of dignity and respect.

While this change applies broadly across the Commission's resources and documents, some exceptions remain. The Commission's name, terminology within the Interstate Compact Offender Tracking System (ICOTS), and language related to sex-offenders continue unaffected at this time.

Executive Director A. Lippert informed the region that the ABM Planning Workgroup will be meeting in January to plan the 2024 Annual Business Meeting. She thanked the region members who filled out the ABM need assessment survey.

She continued that the DCA Liaison Committee launched the DCA Dashboard program and its related training.

The Compliance Committee approved the FY25 compliance assessment recommendation. The assessment will focus on Requested Progress Reports. The Executive Committee will review the recommendation at its spring face-to-face meeting.

Adjourn

Commissioner C. Moore (GA) moved the adjourn the meeting. Commissioner M. Danner (MD) seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 pm.