



## **Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision**

### **Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES**

**12:00 pm ET • November 20, 2024 • Teleconference**

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#### **Members in Attendance:**

1. Mac Pevey (WA), Chair
2. Joselyn López (WI), Vice-Chair
3. Gary Roberge (CT), Treasurer
4. Taryn Link (AK), West Region Chair
5. Chris Moore (GA), Information Technology Chair
6. Steve Turner (KY), South Region Chair
7. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Rules Committee Chair
8. Amy Vorachek (ND), Midwest Region Chair
9. Katrina Ransom (OH), Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee Chair
10. Dale Crook (VT), East Region Chair
11. Suzanne Brooks (OH), DCA Liaison Chair, Ex-Officio

#### **Members not in attendance:**

12. Sally Kreamer (IA), Compliance Committee Chair
13. John Gillis, Victim Representative, Ex-Officio

#### **Staff:**

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

#### **Call to Order**

Chair M. Pevey (WA) called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm ET; ten voting members were present; a quorum was established.

#### **Agenda and Minutes**

**Commissioner G. Roberge (CT) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner D. Crook (VT) seconded. Agenda approved.**

**Commissioner S. Turner (KY) moved to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2024, meeting as presented. Commissioner C. Moore (GA) seconded. Minutes approved.**

#### **Discussion**

*DCA Liaison Committee report:* DCA S. Brooks (OH) reported that the DCA Liaison Committee met on October 31. The committee has adjusted its composition, with the current DCA region chairs completing their terms in June without the election of new region chairs. Going forward, two regional representatives will lead the DCA region meetings. In addition, the committee plans to host DCA open forums more regularly, focusing on solution-based discussions. DCA S. Brooks (OH) encouraged committee members to promote the Spirit of the Compact award nominations. The committee also decided to revamp the DCA success program application to encourage greater engagement with new DCAs. The first session of the revamped program will take place before the end of the year.

*Finance Committee Report:* Commissioner G. Roberge (CT) stated that the Finance Committee met on November 19 and welcomed several new members. The Vanguard account currently holds \$2.1 million, while the savings account contains \$1.5 million. The committee will meet again in March to discuss budget recommendations for FY2027.

*Technology Committee Report:* Commissioner C. Moore (GA) reported that the Technology Committee will meet in December to review ICOTS Privacy Policy changes, the ICOTS re-write contract, and the proposed ICOTS name change. The ICOTS reports migration from Sisense to Tableau has been successfully completed. The national office is offering training on how to use new Tableau reports.

He continued that the Commission signed the ICOTS re-build contract with Optimum. Optimum will hold a kickoff meeting for the rewrite project in the upcoming weeks.

*Rules Committee Report:* Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) reported that the Rules Committee met on November 6 to review a conflict with Rule 2.101. In addition, they vetted recently approved rule amendments, as well as its FY204-25 calendar. The committee will begin meeting monthly starting in January 2025, with a face-to-face in March 2025.

*Training Committee Report:* Commissioner K. Ransom (OH) stated that the Training Committee met on October 24. The committee decided to focus on building relationships and outreach with new commissioners.

*Compliance Committee Report:* Executive Director A. Lippert reported that the Compliance Committee met in November. The national office completed its annual review of the compliance dashboards, finding only four states below the 80% threshold. These states were granted an additional quarter to improve their compliance metrics. Two of the states were able to come into compliance within the additional quarter. The other two states, Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, were asked to submit a corrective action plan within 30 days to remedy their non-compliance. The committee took into consideration the U.S. Virgin Islands' relatively low number of cases, which made it difficult to improve their compliance dashboard numbers. The committee accepted the U.S. Virgin Islands' corrective action plan, with the condition that they address the training issues outlined in the plan by the end of the Commission's fiscal year. If the Virgin Islands is out of compliance with any standard by the end of fiscal year, the Compliance Committee will refer the matter to the Executive Committee with a recommendation to find the territory in default and assess a fine.

The Compliance Committee discussed Puerto Rico's leadership changes this past year, which, coupled with language barriers, impacted their compliance statistics. Raquel Colón was reappointed as the

commissioner for Puerto Rico just before the 2024 Annual Business Meeting. Since then, Puerto Rico has made improvements in two of the standards. . The committee decided to reconvene after the second quarter to reassess Puerto Rico's progress in meeting compliance thresholds.

*ABM Planning Workgroup Report:* Commissioner J. López (WI) reported that the ABM Workgroup met in November to review the 2024 ABM evaluation results. The workgroup decided to postpone its face-to-face meeting until March to allow time for the Rules Committee and the RNR Workgroup to meet, as their work will influence the 2025 ABM agenda. The workgroup plans to hold a teleconference meeting in January.

*East Region Report:* Commissioner D. Crook (VT) stated that the East Region had not met since the last Executive Meeting and did not have any additional rule proposals to consider.

*Midwest Region Report:* Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) stated that the region met on October 23 and discussed two rule proposals submitted by the State of Minnesota. The region will meet again on December 3 to consider additional proposals.

*South Region Report:* Commissioner S. Turner (KY) stated that the South Region will meet on December 10, 2024, to follow up on its rule proposals discussion from the annual business meeting.

*West Region Report:* Commissioner T. Link (AK) reported that the West Region had planned to meet on October 30 to review rule proposals for consideration at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting. However, the meeting was canceled because no rule proposals were submitted for review.

*Executive Director Report:* Executive Director A. Lippert presented her report to the committee:

*Commissioners' appointments:*

- New Commissioner - Jahmaal Gregory (NM).

*Compliance:*

- FL vs. MO: Missouri is expected to retake an individual who has been held beyond the 30 days. Missouri's Commissioner was slow to respond to Florida's inquiries, however, they indicated that transport would not be arranged for another two weeks. Executive Director A. Lippert informed Florida of its options to proceed with this case.
- WA vs. ID: Idaho failed to issue a warrant for an absconder case involving the State of Washington. The Idaho Commissioner intervened to resolve the matter, but the judge in Idaho has not adhered to the Compact Rules for warrant issuance. Washington intends to file a formal complaint, if a warrant is not issued after a hearing on the case scheduled for November 25.

*Other Business:*

- Executive Director A. Lippert recently met with representatives from the American Correctional Association (ACA) and documentary filmmaker Devin Tau to discuss the potential for showcasing the Compact Documentary "The Road Home". Mr. Tau initially contacted ACA regarding his

work in Oregon's correctional facilities, and the discussion evolved into exploring the possibility of featuring the documentary to their membership.

The ACA is very interested in highlighting the Compact at their Winter Conference in January 2025 to be held in Orlando, FL. They are considering dedicating a portion of the opening day agenda to this presentation, which would include screening the documentary trailer. Additionally, ACA is focusing on reentry efforts for their upcoming agenda and plans to include the Commission in that conversation. This represents an excellent opportunity to engage with a broader audience and build momentum for the documentary's impact.

- The Commission applied to present at the American Jail Association (AJA) and the Association of Paroling Authorities International (APAI). The Commission was selected to present at the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) Winter Institute in January in Las Vegas, NV.
- Executive Director A. Lippert presented a proposal to review the Commission's mission statement, noting that it has not been updated in nearly 20 years. Executive Director A. Lippert emphasized the importance of assessing whether the current statement accurately reflects the Commission's purpose and direction in today's context. This review will focus on aligning the Commission's goals and the impact of rules and regulations on field-level operations. The committee discussed inviting a facilitator from ACJI to assist in revising the mission statement.

**Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) moved to approve the project to update the Commission's mission statement with ACJI assistance at the face-to-face meeting in May 2025. Commissioner S. Turner (KY) seconded. Motion passed.**

#### **Old/New Business**

*RNR Workgroup Update:* Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) provided an update on the RNR workgroup's progress. The workgroup has held two meetings with Richard Stroker and his team from the Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP). During these meetings, the workgroup reviewed Chapter 4 & 5 of the ICOAS Rules, focusing on language that makes retaking mandatory and prohibits situational decision making. The workgroup is considering substantial changes to the retaking rules, which would have a significant impact on the Commission's retaking procedures. The workgroup will meet again in December.

The Executive Committee decided to cancel its December meeting.

#### **Adjourn**

**Commissioner J. López (WI) moved to adjourn. Commissioner G. Roberge (CT) seconded.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m. ET.









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