



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

South Region Meeting MINUTES

January 21, 2025 @ 1 PM ET
Teleconference

Members in Attendance:

1. Steve Turner (KY), Chair
2. Tom Langer (AL)
3. Joe Winkler (FL)
4. Chris Moore (GA)
5. John Mosley (MO)
6. Yolanda Bethea (MD)
7. Rhett Covington (LA)
8. Maggie Brewer (NC)
9. Deborah Romine (OK)
10. Chris Hill (TN)
11. Rene Hinojosa (TX)
12. Jim Parks (VA)

Members not in Attendance:

1. Miles Morgan (AR)
2. Richard Tischner (D.C.)
3. Nathan Blevins (MS)
4. Chad Gambrell (SC)
5. Jonathan Huffman (WV)

Guests:

1. Jim Cheek (AR)
2. Kris Honey (AR)
3. Joe Kuebler (GA)
4. Tim Strickland (FL)
5. Lashonda Lee-Campbell (MD)
6. Alison Woodruff (MO)
7. Rickey Garsee (MO)
8. Deanna Laird (MO)
9. Termico Thomas (MS)
10. Don Werner (KY)
11. LaVon Hill (KY)
12. Emily Keefer (OK)
13. Chris Harris (SC)
14. Tawanna Davis (SC)
15. Betty Payton (NC)
16. Ashley Meadows (NC)
17. Taylor Wayland (TN)
18. Jocelyn Angton (TX)

19. Cindy Stout (TX)
20. Julie Lohman (VA)

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 1:02 pm ET. Twelve voting members were present, a quorum was established.

Chair S. Turner (KY) welcomed new commissioners Rene Hinojosa (TX) and Chad Gambrell (SC) to the region.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner J. Winker (FL) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner C. Moore (GA) seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioner C. Moore (GA) moved to approve the minutes from December 7, 2024, meeting as presented. Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion

Rules Proposals for Consideration at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting: At its last meeting, the region approved a proposal to Rule 4.105, which was forwarded to the Rules Committee for consideration at the 2025 Annual Business meeting. On January 7, 2025, the Rules Committee met and evaluated the South Region's proposal. After careful consideration, the committee voted against supporting the proposal for the following reasons: the proposal language does not clearly address a need, introduces a new 'process' that is inconsistent with ICOTS, and fails to directly resolve the identified problem.

Executive Director A. Lippert informed the region that it may revise its proposal, withdraw the proposal or proceed with it as is for consideration at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting, regardless of the Rules Committee's recommendation.

Commissioner T. Langer (AL) moved to withdraw the proposal to amend Rule 4.105 for the Commission's consideration at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting. Commissioner C. Moore (GA) seconded. Motion approved.

At its last meeting, the region reviewed a proposal to amend Rule 2.106 Deferred Sentences. It was agreed that the proposal needed further revisions before it could be presented for a vote. Commissioner J. Huffman (WV) volunteered to rewrite the proposal and present the revised version at the next meeting. The region reviewed the revised proposal to amend Rule 2.106 Deferred Sentences.

Proposed/Existing Rule Title:

Rule 2.106 Supervised Individuals Subject to Deferred Sentences

Proposed change

- (a) Supervised individuals subject to deferred sentences are eligible for transfer of supervision provided that all other criteria for transfer, as specified in Rule 3.101, have been satisfied and the:
1. supervised individual has waived their right to trial and entered plea of guilt or no contest, and
 2. plea has been accepted by the court.
- ~~under the same eligibility requirements, terms, and conditions applicable to all other supervised individuals under this compact~~
- (b) Persons subject to supervision pursuant to a pre-trial release program, bail, or similar program are not eligible for transfer under the terms and conditions of this compact.

Justification

Like Rule 2.105 for misdemeanors, this proposal provides clear criteria for what deferred sentences should qualify for compact transfers as listed in advisory opinions 4-2004 & 6-2005. Advisory opinions are not binding and incorporating the criteria into the rule provides enforceable clarity.

Commissioner C. Moore (GA) made a motion to approve the proposal to amend Rule 2.106 for the Commission’s consideration at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting. Commissioner J. Parks (VA) seconded. Motion approved.

New Business

RNR Workgroup: Executive Director A. Lippert shared that the RNR Workgroup is reviewing Compact’s retaking process and evaluating rules to support a violation matrix, including whether probable cause should be required. The workgroup has requested input from all regions on the following questions:

1. Should establishing probable cause be required prior to mandatory retaking due to technical violations (BRR) in a receiving state to ensure due process?

- YES – 83% (19 out of 23 respondents)
- NO – 17% (4 out of 23 respondents)

2. Should establishing probable cause be required prior to mandatory retaking when a supervised individual was previously reported as an absconder and subsequently apprehended in a receiving state to ensure due process?

- YES – 70% (16 out of 23 respondents)
- NO – 30% (7 out of 23 respondents)

Old Business

There was no old business.

Adjourn

Commissioner R. Hinojosa (TX) moved to adjourn. Commissioner C. Moore (GA) seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 pm ET.