



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

South Region Meeting MINUTES

March 11, 2025 @ 1 PM ET
Teleconference

Members in Attendance:

1. Steve Turner (KY), Chair
2. Tom Langer (AL)
3. Kris Honey (AR)
4. Chris Moore (GA)
5. Yolanda Bethea (MD)
6. Maggie Brewer (NC)
7. Deborah Romine (OK)
8. Rene Hinojosa (TX)
9. Jim Parks (VA)
10. Jonathan Huffman (WV)

Members not in Attendance:

1. Joe Winkler (FL)
2. [Vacant] (D.C.)
3. Rhett Covington (LA)
4. John Mosley (MO)
5. Nathan Blevins (MS)
6. Jake Gadsden (SC)
7. Chris Hill (TN)

Guests:

1. Miriam Dyson (GA)
2. Tim Strickland (FL)
3. Elizabeth Powell (DC)
4. Lashonda Lee-Campbell (MD)
5. Rickey Garsee (MO)
6. Deanna Laird (MO)
7. Termico Thomas (MS)
8. Don Werner (KY)
9. LaVon Hill (KY)
10. Chris Harris (SC)
11. Tawanna Davis (SC)
12. Taylor Wayland (TN)
13. Jocelyn Angton (TX)
14. Cindy Stout (TX)
15. Julie Lohman (VA)
16. Jordan McKinley (WV)

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. Ten voting members were present, a quorum was established.

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

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner T. Langer (AL) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) seconded. Motion passed.

Commissioner C. Moore (GA) moved to approve the minutes from January 21, 2025, 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 amend Rule 4.110, which was forwarded to the Rules Committee for consideration at the 2025 Annual Business meeting. 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 proposed language lacks a clear need, introduces a new 'process' in the rules that did not align with ICOTS, and the proposal did not directly address the problem statement.

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 C. Moore (GA) moved to withdraw the proposal to amend Rule 4.110 from the Commission's consideration at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting. Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) seconded. Motion approved.

In addition, the Rules Committee reviewed a proposal to amend Rule 5.101-2 recommended by the South Region. The committee voted against the proposal due to the lack of alignment between the justification and the proposal's language, noting that the justification excluded absconders, but this was not specified in the rule itself. The committee expressed concerns about the enforceability of the rule if the absconder aspect was not explicitly mentioned. The discussion also highlighted the potential ambiguity in handling cases where an individual absconds and then receives a new conviction. The committee endorsed a version from the Midwest Region, which was deemed to address these concerns better.

The South Region reviewed the Midwest proposal to amend Rule 5.101-2.

DCA T. Strickland (FL) and DCA J. Lohman (VA) noted that the Midwest Region did not address the concerns raised in the South Region's proposal. The South Region's proposal addressed new convictions only and did not mention absconders in the rule itself because it did not address absconder violations.

They expressed their concerns about the Midwest Region's language in section c noting that it requires additional retaking where it is not needed.

The region decided to proceed with the current proposal to gather comments and potentially give the Rules Committee a chance to create a combined version with the Midwest region's region proposal.

Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) moved to proceed with the proposal to amend Rule 5.101-2 and post for comment. Commissioner J. Parks (VA) seconded. Motion passed.

Old/New Business

Executive Director A. Lippert announced that the ABM workgroup is scheduled to meet later in March. During this meeting, the workgroup will make a recommendation for the 2025 ABM agenda to the Executive Committee. The national office will provide additional information on the ABM page of the Commission's website in April. Registration for the ABM opens in July. Commissioners who need assistance obtaining out-of-state approval are encouraged to contact the national office.

Adjourn

Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) moved to adjourn. Commissioner C. Moore (GA) seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 pm ET.