

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

#### **Executive Committee Meeting MINUTES**

#### 12:00 pm ET •March 26, 2025 • Teleconference

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

- 1. Mac Pevey (WA), Chair
- 2. Taryn Link (AK), West Region Chair
- 3. Chris Moore (GA), Information Technology Chair
- 4. Steve Turner (KY), South Region Chair
- 5. Sally Kreamer (IA), Compliance Committee Chair
- 6. Tracy Hudrlik (MN), Rules Committee Chair
- 7. Katrina Ransom (OH), Training, Education, and Public Relations Committee Chair
- 8. Amy Vorachek (ND), Midwest Region Chair
- 9. Dale Crook (VT), East Region Chair
- 10. Suzanne Brooks (OH), DCA Liaison Chair, Ex-Officio
- 11. John Gillis, Victim Representative, Ex-Officio

#### **Members not in Attendance:**

- 12. Joselyn López (WI), Vice-Chair
- 13. Gary Roberge (CT), Treasurer

#### **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; nine voting members were present; a quorum was established.

#### **Approval of Agenda and Minutes**

A motion by Commissioner D. Crook (VT) to approve the meeting's agenda was adopted.

A motion by Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) to approve the minutes from February 19, 2025 was adopted.

#### **Discussion**

Compliance Committee Report: At the last meeting, the committee found the State of Idaho in default of its obligations under the Compact. Commissioner S. Kreamer (IA) presented the corrective action plan (CAP) submitted by Idaho (Attachment 1), noting it was a model CAP by the Commission's standards.

## A motion by Commissioner D. Crook (VT) was adopted as follows: Approve Idaho's Corrective Action Plan.

DCA Liaison Committee report: DCA S. Brooks (OH) stated that the DCA Liaison Committee and the DCA Success Program meeting will take place late April. She plans to host the next DCA Open Forum sometime in May or June. The DCA Liaison Committee will support the ABM Workgroup and the Rules Committee in preparation for the upcoming Annual Business Meeting.

Finance Committee Report: Executive Director A. Lippert noted that everything is running smoothly with the budget. The annual dues and capital assessment invoices went out to member states earlier this month. As expected, the Commission made its first withdrawal of \$300K from Vanguard to pay Optimum for current ICOTS and new ICOTS projects. The Commission's savings account holds \$900K and its Vanguard account holds \$1.8M.

Technology Committee Report: Commissioner C. Moore (GA) noted that the Technology Committee met on March 13th. The committee reviewed the latest recommended changes to the ICOTS Privacy Policy. The national office recommends postponing finalizing a new policy document as it will change again to adapt to the new system. This will keep the Commission from having to spend funds on the old ICOTS system.

The JAD group continues to meet every two weeks to go over proposed changes and enhancements to include in the ICOTS re-write. The national office meets multiple times per week with the Optimum team to document the required functionality to be included in the new system.

The committee discussed the possible name change of ICOTS. A name change was recommended by the JAD group to better align it with language the Commission uses, as well as differentiating the application name from the ICAOS website and training portal (Attachment 2). The Executive Committee will discuss the new name options at its face-to-face meeting in May.

Rules Committee Report: Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) reported that the Rules Committee had a face-to-face meeting in Louisville, KY last week. The committee discussed 22 proposed rule amendments, with some being technical and others more substantial. The committee extended the comment period to 45 days, starting April 15th, to allow more time for feedback. The Rules Committee also recommended that the effective date of the rules be April 1st of 2026, allowing additional time for training. The committee plans to hold a forum in late summer to discuss the rules and answer questions. The Rules Committee will also provide a demonstration of submitting comments on April 15th.

*Training Committee Report:* Commissioner K. Ransom (OH) stated that the Training Committee plans to meet on April 23 to draft a webinar on state councils per the ABM Workgroup's recommendation.

In addition, the committee will work on a disclaimer for the advisory opinions' webpage to clarify the use and legality of advisory opinions.

ABM Planning Workgroup Report: Executive Director A. Lippert reported that the ABM Workgroup had a face-to-face meeting in Louisville, KY last week. The workgroup drafted the ABM agenda, its delivery format, and its speakers and presenters. The Executive Committee will vote on the agenda at the upcoming face-to-face meeting in May.

East Region Report: Commissioner D. Crook (VT) stated that the East Region will meet on May 12 to discuss the rule proposals for consideration at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting.

*Midwest Region Report:* Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) stated that the Midwest Region will meet on April 22 to discuss the rule proposals for consideration at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting.

South Region Report: Commissioner S. Turner (KY) stated that the South Region met on March 11 to withdraw a rule proposal per the Rules Committee recommendation. The region withdrew the proposal to amend Rule 4.110 and decided to proceed with the proposal to Rule 5.101-2 to post for Commission's comments.

The region will meet again on April 22 to discuss the rule proposals for consideration at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting.

West Region Report: Commissioner T. Link (AK) stated that the West Region met in February and discussed the Probable Cause Hearing poll results, as well as state and Commission updates. The region will meet again on May 1 to discuss the rule proposals for consideration at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting.

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

Commissioners' appointments:

• New Commissioners: Jake Gadsden (SC), Denise Simmonds (DC), Stacy Luke (HI).

#### CEPP Update:

• Executive Director A. Lippert provided an update on the ongoing collaboration with the Center for Effective Public Policy (CEPP), led by Richard Stroker and Cynthia Mausser, to develop a violation matrix framework and supporting rules. Originally funded by BJA for six months, the project requires an additional six months to complete. As external funding is no longer available, A. Lippert proposed that the Commission fund the remaining work at a cost of \$38,000. She noted that the Commission has available funds, as the Finance Committee is reducing the FY2026 budget by \$42,000.

Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND), the RNR Workgroup Chair, expressed her appreciation for the work done by CEPP, emphasizing their value in the project's success.

A motion by Commissioner D. Crook (VT) was adopted as follows: Approve additional funding to continue partnership with CEPP.

*Victim Advocate Report*: Victim Advocate J. Gillis (NOVA) reminded the committee about upcoming National Crime Victims' Rights Week that will take place April 6–12, 2025. He encouraged the committee members to participate in local events devoted to it.

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

RNR Workgroup Update: Executive Director A. Lippert noted that the Executive Committee will be sponsoring the rule proposals submitted by the RNR workgroup. Due to the time limitation, the Rules Committee has already reviewed and made recommendations with some changes to the RNR workgroup proposals.

The Executive Committee reviewed the original RNR proposals and the recommended changes by the Rules Committee. (Attachment 3).

A motion by Commissioner K. Ranson (OH) was adopted as follows: Support RNR absconder package rules with Rules Committee's recommendations.

A motion by Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) was adopted as follows: Support RNR proposal to amend Rule 2.110 with Rules Committee's recommendations.

A motion by Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) was adopted as follows: Support RNR proposal to amend Rule 4.101 with Rules Committee's recommendations.

A motion by Commissioner C. Moore (GA) was adopted as follows: Support RNR proposal to amend Rule 4.106.

A motion by Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) was adopted as follows: Support RNR proposal to create new Rule 5.XXX (managing retaking).

A motion by Commissioner S. Turner (KY) was adopted as follows: Support RNR proposal to create new Rule 5.XXX (retaking authority).

#### Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:32 p.m. ET.

Mac B. Pevey (May 8, 2025 10:19 EDT)

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