



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

### **West Region Meeting MINUTES**

**February 20, 2025 · 3:00 pm  
Teleconference**

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

1. Taryn Link (AK), Chair
2. Dori Littler (AZ)
3. Antonio DeJesus (CA)
4. Stacey Luke (HI)
5. Jahmaal Gregory (NM)
6. Deon McDaniel (NV)
7. Jeremiah Stromberg (OR)
8. Alex Garcia (UT)
9. Mac Pevey (WA)
10. Jeremy Vukich (WY)

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

1. Andrew Zavaras (CO)
2. Brian Underwood (ID)
3. Sean Goeddel (MT)

#### **Guests:**

1. Lorna Colver (AK)
2. Matthew Poyzer (AZ)
3. Crissy Schaudt (CO)
4. Megan Zimmerman (CO)
5. Nichole Case (ID)
6. Michael Knott (HI)
7. Mike Barthel (MT)
8. Nicole Rosales (NV)
9. Martha Aragon (NM)
10. Jessica Cook (UT)
11. Jennifer Anderson (WA)
12. Greg Rivera (WA)
13. Tanja Gilmore (WA)
14. Patricia Odell (WY)

#### **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 T. Link (AK) called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm ET, ten out of thirteen members were present; a quorum was established. Chair T. Link (AK) welcomed new commissioners to the region.

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

**Commissioner J. Vukich (WY) moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner M. Pevey (WA) seconded. Agenda approved.**

**Commissioner A. DeJesus (CA) moved to approve the minutes from September 11, 2024, as drafted. Commissioner M. Pevey (WA) seconded. Minutes approved.**

### **Discussion**

*Probable Cause Hearing Poll:* Chair T. Link (AK) presented the results of the probable cause hearing poll that all regions participated in a few weeks ago. The poll showed that 83% of states agreed that establishing probable cause should be required prior to mandatory retaking due to technical violations in a receiving state to ensure due process. 53% agreed that establishing probable cause should 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.

Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) expressed confusion about the poll and its implications.

Executive Director A. Lippert clarified that the poll was a result of discussions in the RNR workgroup about the chapters 4 and 5 of the ICAOS Rules, and the outcomes from the FY 2025 retaking retransfer assessment.

*State Updates:* Region members provided updates on developments and training needs within their respective states.

*Arizona:* Commissioner D. Littler noted a training need for proper use of progress reports vs violation reports.

*California:* Commissioner A. DeJesus reported that CA DCA T. Chang was reassigned and would be stepping down as the DCA. In addition, California provided ICAOS probation trainings for both Northern and Southern California Regions and a judicial training for San Francisco County judges.

*Nevada:* Commissioner D. McDaniel stated that the legislative session in Nevada is underway, with their division proposing legislation for a separate compact office. NV Commissioner and DCA are planning statewide training for judges and prison officials to address recent changes. They are seeing an increase in subpoenas for out-of-state officers to appear virtually in hearings.

Executive Director A. Lippert shared the white paper from 2018 on this topic.

*New Mexico:* Commissioner J. Gregory also noted issues with officers being subpoenaed in his state.

*Oregon:* Commissioner J. Stromberg provided an update on the RNR work presented at the APPA Institute in January. The workshop was successful and well attended. Currently, Oregon is in the middle of its legislative session, with a primary focus on public safety. Notable initiatives include efforts to provide supportive housing for individuals transitioning out of the criminal justice system.

*Utah:* Commissioner A. Garcia reported that DCA Cook has been delivering ICAOS training to the judiciary and court staff. Utah recently completed a case workload study, which may be valuable to some members. Commissioner Garcia also expressed gratitude to DCA Cook for her dedication and valuable contributions.

*Washington:* Commissioner M. Pevey shared that Washington is currently in the middle of its legislative session, addressing a projected shortfall of \$10-15 billion over the next four years. Public safety remains a top priority, with ongoing efforts focused on reducing prison populations and providing opportunities for individuals transitioning out of incarceration.

*Wyoming:* Commissioner J. Vukich noted the subpoenas issue in his state as well. Wyoming is also in its legislative session.

*Alaska:* Chair T. Link noted that Alaska is currently in the middle of its legislative session, where discussions are focused on the state budget and the rising costs of corrections.

*Commission Update:* Executive Director A. Lippert updated the region on the Commission's recent news:

- The RNR Workgroup has been meeting monthly and will have an in-person meeting next week. They are currently working on a violation matrix tool and improving the Commission's retaking process, with plans to present these at the 2025 Annual Business Meeting.
- The Rules Committee and the ABM Workgroup will hold a combined face-to-face meeting in Louisville, KY, this March.
- The Executive Committee has voted to host the 2026 Annual Business Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. One of the reasons for choosing this location is its central location, which makes it easier for attendees to travel.
- The FY2025 RNR Assessment Report is finalized and distributed to Commission members. Based on the report, almost half of the violations were due to technical violations, and not all states used a violation matrix or risk tool in handling violations. There is a need for standardized documentation for violations and the establishment of probable cause hearings in retaking cases.

- The Executive Committee approved the Compliance Committee recommendation for FY 2026 assessment to focus on a comprehensive ICOTS user audit in preparation for the upcoming system rewrite. This audit will help the Commission to identify and address current inefficiencies, ensure security measures are properly implemented, and gather valuable user feedback to improve the functionality and design of the new system. A key component of this audit will also include reviewing user access to dashboard reports to ensure appropriate permissions and usage, as well as revisions to the ICOTS Privacy Policy.

**Old/New Business**

There was no old/new business.

**Adjourn**

**Commissioner D. Littler (AZ) moved to adjourn. Commissioner J. Vukich (WY) seconded.**

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.