



Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision

Compliance Committee Meeting MINUTES

**February 6, 2025 · 11:00 am ET
Teleconference**

Members in Attendance:

1. Sally Kreamer (IA), Chair
2. Joe Winkler (FL)
3. Melissa Smith (IL)
4. Maggie Brewer (NC)
5. Matthew Charton (NY)
6. Amy Vorachek (ND)
7. Dale Crook (VT)
8. Jacey Rader (NE)
9. Matthew Poyzer (AZ), Ex-officio
10. April Simmons (IN), Ex-officio
11. Sarah Spader (SD), Ex-officio

Not in Attendance:

1. Christian Stephens (PA)

Staff:

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Allen Eskridge, Director of Policy, and Operations
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. Kreamer (IA) called the meeting to order at 11:00 am ET. Eight out of nine voting members were present, a quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) seconded. Agenda approved.

Commissioner M. Smith (IL) moved to approve the minutes from November 12, 2024, as drafted. Commissioner D. Crook (VT) seconded. Minutes approved.

Discussion

WA vs ID: Executive Director A. Lippert provided an update on a complaint filed by the State of Washington against Idaho. The complaint stems from Idaho's failure to issue a warrant for an

absconder. Idaho has acknowledged its responsibility and is actively working to address the issue, despite a judge's refusal to issue the warrant.

Executive Director A. Lippert informed the committee that new Commissioner Brian Underwood, the Director of Probation and Parole in Idaho, is now actively involved in resolving the issue. The committee discussed Idaho's response and the actions taken to remedy the complaint.

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to recommend the Executive Committee find the State of Idaho in violation and default of the compact for failure to issue a warrant. Commissioner A. Vorachek (ND) seconded. Motion passed.

The committee discussed the potential civil liabilities for the state of Washington for holding the individual beyond the intended time.

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to recommend the Executive Committee take the following actions against the State of Idaho:

- **Sanction of a \$10,000 fine. This fine will be held in abeyance for ten business days, pending the issuance of a warrant and the subsequent retaking of the supervised individual within an additional ten business days.**
- **Idaho to complete a corrective action plan that outlines measures to educate the judge and its judiciary to prevent further delays in warrant issuance.**
- **Ensure Idaho has a functioning state council in place.**

Commissioner M. Brewer (NC) seconded. Motion passed.

The committee agreed that should Idaho terminate supervision of this individual prior to effecting the warrant and retaking, the Compliance Committee will reconvene to take immediate action against the state.

Follow-up on states with standards below the 80% threshold: Executive Director A. Lippert reported that Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands remain below the 80% threshold on certain standards, though both are showing an upward trend. Puerto Rico had four standards below the threshold. While improvements were made in a couple of areas, there were no new RVRs, so that standard remained unchanged. Similarly, the U.S. Virgin Islands did not have any new RI-Replies, and as a result, that standard also remained the same.

The committee decided to continue monitoring these states for another quarter.

FY25 Compliance Assessment Update: Executive Director A. Lippert presented FY 2025 audit results to the committee. The findings highlight several areas where improvements can be made in the current processes. In total, the national office reviewed 250 cases for the assessment:

- Approximately half of all retakings were due to technical violations.

- Documentation practices were inconsistent across states, with some using violation reports, others using progress reports or CARs, and some utilizing a combination of all three.
- 58% of the cases reviewed showed that no tool was used to guide retaking decisions.
- More than half of the states did not establish probable cause before retaking, although 40% held a violation hearing in the sending state.
- 37% of cases involved reinstating supervision without additional conditions.
- Only 22% of cases included a revocation hearing, and the same percentage imposed a short jail sanction before retransfer.

Executive Director A. Lippert noted that the findings reveal significant opportunities to refine the Compact's retaking process and make more informed decisions when handling violations. There is a clear need for consistency in documentation and decision-making. Currently, the RNR workgroup is revising the Commission's retaking rules and proposing a violation matrix to assist in retaking decisions.

The committee discussed the need for standardized measures in documentation and processing of cases to eliminate the "boomerang effect". The committee discussed using data to inform decisions on policies and rules and acknowledged the challenges of balancing the needs and requirements in different states.

Commissioner M. Charton (NY) moved to recommend the approval of the final FY2025 Retaking Assessment national report as presented. Commissioner M. Smith (IL) seconded. Motion passed.

FY 2026 Assessment: Executive Director A. Lippert stated that conducting a comprehensive ICOTS user audit in preparation for the upcoming system rewrite will help the Commission 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.

The committee reviewed the FY26 assessment proposal for an ICOTS user audit.

Commissioner D. Crook (VT) moved to recommend that the Executive Committee approve a User Audit for FY 2026. Commissioner M. Charton (NY) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old/New Business

Executive Director A. Lippert informed the committee of an issue between Washington and Nevada concerning a discharged absconder case. It was noted that, should Washington file a formal complaint regarding this matter, the national office will coordinate a meeting for the committee to review the complaint. This review will take place within 30 days of the formal complaint's submission.

Adjourn

Commissioner M. Charton (NY) moved to adjourn. Commissioner D. Crook (VT) seconded.

The meeting adjourned at 12:04 pm ET.