



**GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO**  
Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

**STATE COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE RECENT APPOINTED MEMBERS**

**April 4, 2019 - 10:00 PM**

Roll Call

Discussion:

- ✓ Discussion regarding the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision, Interstate Compact and State Council.
- ✓ Responsibilities of the State Council
- ✓ Select the Directive
- ✓ Discuss long and short term goals and needs of the PR Interstate Compact office.
- ✓ Set a date for our next meeting.





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

Alex Joel Torres Guzmán- Executive Branch Representative  
Secretary Assistant of Programs and Services of the Department of Corrections

Kelvin Vélez Torres- Probation and Parole Officers Representative  
Assistant of Programs and Services office of the Department of Corrections

Noel Méndez Rivera- Victims Representative  
Captain of the Puerto Rico Police Department

Honourable Zoé Laboy Alvarado- Legislative Representative  
Senator

Attorney Aracelis Cabrera in representation of Honourable Sigfrido Steidel Figueroa-  
Representative of the Judicial Branch  
Courts Administrative Director

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

José Mercado González-Legislative Representative

#### **Discussion:**

In our first meeting with the new members we discussed in what consists the Interstate Compact, its purpose and the Law that adopts the Compact in Puerto Rico, Law No. 208-2004. The Interstate Compact seeks to promote public safety and protect the rights of victims. It was pointed out that PR currently has 381 active cases under this agreement. Of these cases 139 transferred their supervision of Probation or Parole from the states or territories to PR while the other 242 cases transferred their supervision from PR to the member states of the Compact. At the end of the fiscal year 2018 there were a total of 234,173 active cases at a national level.

In terms of the Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision was established that the commission is a semi-governmental administrative body that monitors the daily operations of the Interstate Compact. That arose from the need to establish a guide to work the transfers of





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offenders from one state to another following a tragic death that took place in 1999. This guide are the Rules of the Interstate Compact that has the purpose of creating a uniform system applicable to all cases and persons subject to the terms and conditions of this Compact. A state that violates the Rules of this agreement is subject to penalties that may include disaffiliation and even fines.

In terms of the State Council it was established that each member state of the Interstate Compact, is required to establish a State Council with the purpose of supervising the affairs of that state that are related to the Compact. That the council will provide assistance and serve as an intermediary in the search for resources in order to improve the operations of the office. In addition to Law 208-2004, the Executive Order OE-2012-12 was also discussed, which indicates who will constitute the council and the term to serve. The responsibilities of the council were discussed in general terms, but it remained pending for our next meeting to elaborate on this point to ensure that we comply with the requirements.

Next meeting was scheduled for May 13, 2019.

### **Pending issues:**

- ✓ Discuss in more details the council responsibilities.
- ✓ Choose the directive.
- ✓ Budget to be requested as established by the Department of Corrections State Council Regulation for the Interstate Supervision of Adult Offenders Supervision.
- ✓ Information about those states that charge for supervision and / or transfer requests and how they work the cases of those offenders who declare themselves indigents.

