

Indiana Interstate Compact State Council

July 25, 2025

Minutes

The Indiana Interstate Compact State Council met on July 25, 2025, at 11:00-11:30 a.m. at 251 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Chief Administrative Officer Justin Forkner presided over the meeting.

1. Members present. The following members attended the meeting:

- Justin Forkner, Chief Administrative Officer of Office of Judicial Administration and chairperson
- Chris Biehn, Indiana Compact Commissioner and Director of Justice Services, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Joel Gruber, proxy for Commissioner of Indiana Department of Correction
- Chris Naylor, Executive Director of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
- Doug Huntsinger, Executive Director of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
- Laura Berry, Executive Director of Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

2. Members absent. The following members did not attend the meeting:

- Steve Luce, Executive Director of Indiana Sheriffs' Association
- Waylon James, designee for Director of Department of Child Services
- Judge Kelsey Hanlon, president of the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- Rep. Steve Bartels, Indiana General Assembly
- Bernice Corley, Executive Director of Indiana Public Defender Council

3. Staff present. Staff Attorney Jenny Bauer; Adult DCA, April Simmons; Juvenile DCA, Nita Wright (video), Interstate Compact Specialist, Nataly Sevilla; Interstate Compact Specialist, Laura Hausladen; Reilly Sommers; intern, Patrick Joyce; and Rose Walker from the Office of Court Services provided staff assistance to the Council.

4. March 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes. The meeting minutes from March 14, 2025, were unanimously approved on motion and second by Doug Huntsinger and Laura Berry.

5. Adult and Juvenile Compact Updates.

a. Adult Compact. DCA April Simmons reported the following on the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision:

- Indiana remains above the national average regarding compliance with 90% or higher in all categories. The compact office continues to review reports weekly to ensure compliance levels.
- The end of year fiscal audit is underway. The audit focuses on User activity, policy and procedures, self-auditing and training, as well as end users' access to the system.
- The National Office will implement a new system called INSITE in 2026.
- Training
 - In-person training was conducted at the Justice Service Conference on April 17, 2025. The topic discussed what triggers the compact and sentencing guidelines recommendations.
 - Virtual trainings were conducted with Jefferson County on July 14th and Lake County on July 24th.

b. Juvenile Compact. DCA Nita Wright reported the following on the Interstate Commission for Juveniles:

- Indiana remains in compliance with ICJ parameters. Internal audits are conducted weekly to proactively address pending matters.
- In-person juvenile compact training was held in conjunction with the Justice Services Conference on April 17, 2025. An overview of the current proposed rules was discussed. Attendees were provided the opportunity to give feedback.
- 2025 is a rule making year for ICJ. The Council reviewed and discussed the proposed rule amendments. The Council unanimously approved voting in favor of all amendments except for the definition of human trafficking on motion and second by Laura Berry and Doug Huntsinger.
 - Added human trafficking definition; ICJ Rules Committee does not support because the term is not used in any ICJ rules, and legal documents do not contain definitions not referenced in the document.

- Rules 4-102 and 4-103; cleanup and clarify travel permit requirements for all pending transfers and strikes expediting language since it is not a requirement.
- Rule 4-104; added rule for receiving state to provide notice and document on the Form VIII, Home Evaluation Form conditions that cannot be provided
- Rule 5-103, changes “failed supervision” to “mandatory relocation”
- Rule 6-102; clarifies who (*home/demanding state*) is responsible for making return arrangements
- Rule 8-102; clarifies use of the Form VII, Out-of-State Travel Permit and Agreement to Return is required for travel permits
- ICJ Commissioners will vote on the proposed rule amendments at the ICJ Annual Business Meeting in Cleveland, OH on August 25-27, 2025.

6. Other business. Compact Commissioner Chris Biehn reported the following:

- Idaho has a new state law that expands search authority beyond traditional probation and parole officers to include all peace officers for individuals under supervision who enter Idaho.
- Texas has a new state law that establishes a centralized Terrorist Offender Registry (TOR) modeled after existing sex offender registry systems to enhance law enforcement coordination and public safety.
- The ICAOS National Office is offering state council training on August 5th.

7. Next Meeting Date. The Interstate Compact State Council’s next meeting is September 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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