

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2025

11:00 am EST

Via Zoom



Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee Chair F. Casey (DE) called the meeting to order at 11:01 am EST.

Roll Call

Director Underwood called the roll and a quorum was established.

Voting Commissioners/Designees in Attendance:

1. Francis "Mike" Casey (DE), Commissioner, Chair
2. Brooke Montelongo (CO), Commissioner, Vice Chair
3. Jessica Wald (ND), Designee
4. Charles Frieberg (SD), Commissioner
5. Daryl Liedecke (TX), Designee
6. Eavey-Monique James (VI), Commissioner

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

1. Latosha Mallory (AL)
2. Rhonda Turner (FL)
3. April Simmons (IN)
4. Deanna McNulty (LA)

Members Not in Attendance:

1. Tasha Hunt (CT), Commissioner
2. Lisa Bjergaard (ND), Commissioner

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. MaryLee Underwood, Executive Director
2. Amanee Cabbagestalk, Training and Administrative Specialist
3. Joe Johnson, System Project Manager
4. Kirsten Wade, Logistics and Administrative Specialist

J. Wald (ND) made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. C. Frieberg (SD) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

D. Liedecke (TX) made a motion to approve the January 21, 2025, meeting minutes. B. Montelongo (CO) seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business

Report from Human Trafficking Subcommittee

- Vice Chair B. Montelongo (CO) stated that the Human Trafficking Subcommittee discussed adaptive and technical problems regarding making the human trafficking field in UNITY

mandatory. The members also discussed sending questions to each region to see how states respond to human trafficking.

- Director Underwood added that Shared Hope International tracks information about human trafficking laws. A link to the Shared Hope resource will be added to the Commission's website so that states no longer need to update the human trafficking matrix.
- Director Underwood reported that Ohio is focusing on conducting human trafficking screenings. She recommended that Commissioner S. Lane (OH) reach out to the Human Trafficking Subcommittee.
- Committee members discussed methods for presenting questions to states, including polling and group discussion. Chair M. Casey (DE) shared that he will present the idea of polling the regions to the Executive Committee for approval.

Report from Movie Club Subcommittee

- D. Liedecke (TX) shared that the Movie Club Subcommittee will meet on the last Friday of each month to watch and discuss the film of the month. The first four movies selected were:
 - 13th
 - *PBS Cutline: Spotlight on Juvenile Justice*
 - *Million Dollar Cage*
 - *The Central Park Five*

New Business

Select Members for Annual Business Meeting (ABM) Land Acknowledgment Subcommittee

- Amanee Cabbagestalk, National Office, shared that the subcommittee is preparing a land acknowledgment for the 2025 ABM and might invite an Indigenous person to present it.
- A. Simmons (IN) and R. Turner (FL) volunteered to join the Land Acknowledgment Subcommittee.

Select Regional Ambassadors

- Chair M. Casey (DE) asked members to volunteer to serve as regional ambassadors.
- B. Montelongo (CO) volunteered for the West Region ambassador.
- Chair M. Casey (DE) volunteered for the East Region ambassador.
- D. Liedecke (TX) volunteered for the South Region ambassador.
- J. Wald (ND) volunteered for the Midwest Region ambassador.

Wednesday Workshop - March 26, 2025

- Chair M. Casey (DE) shared that Laura Carothers Graham, Deputy Director of the Community Legal Aid Society, Inc. (CLASI), has agreed to present a training about legal issues facing non-citizen youth at the Wednesday Workshop in March.
- Chair M. Casey (DE) stated that Ms. Carothers Graham's previous presentations covered the basics of immigration law and barriers faced by those without status.

Next Steps

- Director Underwood recommended that the Movie Club Subcommittee write a stated goal to clearly communicate the purpose of the movie club.
- The following Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (RDEI) Committee meeting was scheduled for April 15, 2025, at 2:00 pm EST.

Adjourn

Racial Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Chair Casey (DE) adjourned the meeting by acclamation without objection at 12:01 pm EST.