

Kansas Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: Friday October 17th, 2025, 10:00am

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1. Call to order at 10:02 am
2. Roll-call - Members Present: Christopher Esquibel, Don Hymer, Hon. Delia York, Jeff Butrick, Secretary Jeff Zmuda, Lara Blake Bors, Melody Pappan, Rachel Bell, Randy Regehr, Rebecca Gerhardt, Rep. Jarrod Ousley, Sen. Oletha Faust-Goudeau, Stephanie Springer, and Steven Stonehouse.
3. Public Comment – There were no public comments
4. KORA - Kansas Open Meetings Act statement by the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee
5. Approval of July 2025 meeting minutes:
 - a. Moved by Randy Regehr, 2nd by Rebecca Gerhardt. Unanimously approved.
6. Community program presentation *by Michael Walden of the SE Kansas Juvenile Detention Center and Angela McHardie of the Shawnee County juvenile detention center.*
7. Chair/Vice Chair Report-out
 - a. Set the meeting schedule for 2026 in the first month of the calendar quarter, on the third Friday of the month, at 10:00am via zoom. We plan to hold an in-person meeting in 2026, to be determined at a later date.
 - b. Chair and Vice-Chair elections will be held in our January 2026 meeting.
 - c. Discussion on the 2025 JJOC Annual Report
 - i. Steven Stonehouse, chair of the communication subcommittee, discussed the purpose of the annual report, improvements this year, and the new breakdown of programs across the state. The report was voted on in the subcommittee and recommends the whole body of the JJOC approve of the annual report.
 - ii. Lara Blake Bors moved to approve the Annual Report and distribute. 2nd by Hon. Delia York.
8. Legislative update –
 - a. Senator Faust-Godeau, the Russ Jennings Interim Committee will meet November 6th and 7th.
9. Governor's office update - No update this quarter.

10. KAG Update –

- a. Max Mendoza, chair of KAG. They are happy to report out that they have met the statute requirement for appointments to the group. KAG was able to get FY 2021 funds approved. They are also releasing an RFP for Title II Funding for about \$373,000 to address mentoring, counseling, and training along with delinquency programs.

11. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Communications – Steven Stonehouse, Chair
 - i. Collaborated with KDOC to sponsor a press briefing on grants and reports to update the media on the topic. It was a joint effort and very successful.
- b. Data Subcommittee - Judge Delia York, Chair
 - i. We continue to work with CJJ in understanding gaps in data and working to enhance on data report out.
- c. Legislative - Lara Blake Bors, Chair
 - i. Our Workgroup on House Bill 2329, and a special thanks to Jeff Butrick (KDOC) and Rebecca Gerhardt (DCF) on working with their agencies to communicate and drill down some data to figure out issues with regard to that.
 - ii. We have been working through data to figure out the issues of group homes. There are other key parts, and we have been getting different advocates together to build consensus on different issues. As members of the workgroup work through that data, we will be scheduling a meeting to review that data and have further discussion.
- d. Reinvestment - Melody Pappan, Chair
 - i. Subcommittee worked together to try to recommend a chart in the annual report that strikes a balance for being organized and articulates information that is consumable.
 - ii. The subcommittee received final expenditure numbers in FY 2025, that came to total expenditures of \$10.8 million. Slightly down from the previous year due to grant award processes. We also got new projections based upon KDOC expenditure. FY 2027 projections become less certain, however the \$34 million allocated for FY 26 will not be impacted.

Next meeting date: January 16th, 10:00am via Zoom

Adjourned at 11:11 am.