



Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes July 22, 2025, 1615 Law and Justice Center, Atrium Conference Room, First Floor

Mission: Lewis and Clark County's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council exists to improve the safety of the citizens of Lewis and Clark County and ensure the equitable and efficient treatment of defendants, offenders, and victims.

1. Call to Order & Reading of the Mission-Judge Abbott

- Judge Abbott called the meeting to order and read the mission statement.

2. Introductions-All

- **Members present:** Judge Abbott, Suzanne Seburn, Gina Boesdorfer, Tom Cordingley, Kevin Downs, Brent Colbert for Sheriff Leo Dutton, Drenda Niemann, Chief Brett Petty, Justice Mark Piskolich, Commissioner Candace Payne, Commissioner Melinda Reed, Ed Royce for Chief Mike Sanders
- **Members absent:** Leah Lindgren, Judge Anne Peterson
- **Staff present:** Kellie McBride, Keaton Welch, Jess McDonald
- **Others present:** Ali Mandell, Mike Cotter, Mark Nay, Mike Mahoney, Jason Zander

3. Action Item: Approval of June 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes-Judge Abbott

- The June 3, 2025, Meeting Minutes were approved.

4. Action Item: Discussion of the CJCC Jail Population Task Force Recommendations-Judge Piskolich

- Judge Piskolich gave a summary of the recommendations.
- The CJCC selected five recommendations for further study, research and implementation by CJS. The selected items will be forwarded to the Executive Committee for workgroup assignments, while the remaining recommendations will be revisited periodically for future consideration.
- The five selected recommendations are:
 - Bond Reduction/Alternatives, including Roundtable and Sequential Bail Review
 - Detention Center Management

- Multi-Jurisdictional Holds
- Pretrial Prosecution Diversion
- Stakeholder Education

5. Action Item: Approval of Citizen's Advisory Committee Membership Slate-Tom Cordingley

- The current CAC membership slate was nominated for an additional one-year term and subsequently approved by the CJCC.
- Judge Abbott then introduced three new applicants—Ara Babcock, Mike Cotter, and John Looney—and proposed that the vote on their membership be deferred to the September 23, CJCC meeting. These applicants will be invited to attend that meeting to share their interest in joining the CAC and respond to questions from CJCC members.

6. Public Comment

- No public comment

7. Upcoming Dates

- **NAPSA Annual Conference, September 14 – 17, Atlanta**
- **Next CAC Meetings: August 15, 2025, and September 19, 2025, 1200, Law and Justice Center Atrium**
- **Next CJCC Meeting: September 23, 2025, 1615, Law and Justice Center Atrium**