

**Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 5, 2025**

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute Board of Trustees met at the Indiana State Government Center South Building, Conference Room 1 & 2, on Friday, September 5, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Amy Karozos, Chris Naylor, Judge Darrin Dolehanty, Chief Kyle Prewitt, Lori Torres, Chris Blessinger, Mark Stuaan, Rebecca Humphrey, Senator Brett Clark, Judge Hunter Reese

Teleconference: Judge AmyMarie Travis, Bernice Corley, Cory Martin, Justin Forkner, Representative Wendy McNamara

Member	Role/Organization	Present? Y/N Proxy's Name if Applicable
Amy Karozos	State Public Defender	Y
AmyMarie Travis	Judge, Jackson County Superior Court	Y
Anthony Scott	Superintendent, Indiana State Police	N
Bernice Corley	Executive Director, Indiana Public Defender Council	Y
Chris Naylor	Executive Director, Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council	Y
Cory Martin	Executive Director, Indiana State Police Alliance	Y
Darrin Dolehanty	Senior Judge	Y
Hunter Reece	Judge, Warren County Circuit Court	Y
Jeff Balon	Porter County Sheriff	N
Justin Forkner	Chief Administrative Officer, Indiana Supreme Court	Y
Kyle Prewitt	Chief of Police, Plainfield Police Department	Y
Todd Rokita	Indiana Attorney General	Lori Torres
Lloyd Arnold	Commissioner, Indiana Department of Correction	Chris Blessinger
Mark Stuaan	Professor, IU McKinney School of Law	Y
Rebecca Humphrey	Executive Director, Tippecanoe County Youth Services	Y
Brett Clark ¹	Indiana Senate	Y
Wendy McNamara ²	Indiana House of Representatives	Y

¹ Pursuant to IC 5-2-6-4(b), this role serves as a nonvoting adviser.

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I. Call to Order

Director Huntsinger called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. A quorum was recognized. Doug introduced Judge Hunter Reece as a new member of the board. Senator Brett Clark is also a new member of the board.

II. Approval of Friday, June 6, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

Chief Kyle Prewitt made a motion to approve the June 6, 2025, Board meeting minutes. Mark Stuaan seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

III. Executive Director's Report

Shelby Thomas will serve as the Director of Public Affairs and Substance Use Policy and will oversee the Behavioral Health Division, Communications and Opioid Settlement efforts. Natalie Huffman, General Counsel and Director of Regulatory Affairs, will be leaving the agency after serving six years in her role. Christine Reynolds, the Director of Research resigned at the beginning of August.

IV. Budget Updates

Chief Financial Officer Sheryll Espinas gave a brief update on the fiscal report.

V. Subcommittee Reports

a. Youth Services (Justin Forkner)

Douglas Huntsinger discussed that Youth Services grant applications are suspended for the remainder of the year. The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute and the Youth Justice Oversight Committee will be reviewing the funding formula and requirements. Justin Forkner presented the subcommittee meeting minutes from the August 26, 2025, subcommittee meeting. Justin Forkner made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Chief Kyle Prewitt seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

Justin Forkner made a motion to approve the subcommittee's recommendations for funding for the Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Program applications. Lori Torres seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

Justin Forkner made a motion to approve the subcommittee's recommendations for funding for the remainder of the Youth Services Grant Programs applications. Rebecca Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

i. Juvenile Behavioral Health Competitive Grant Program

a. Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

Three programs were recommended at the requested amount.

b. Recommended for Less than Requested Funding Amount

One program was recommended for less than the requested amount.

c. Not Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

Three programs were not recommended for funding.

ii. Juvenile Community Alternatives Planning Grant Program

a. Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

One program was recommended at the requested amount.

iii. Juvenile Community Alternatives Grant Program

a. Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

Two programs were recommended at the requested amount.

b. Not Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

One program was not recommended for funding.

iv. Juvenile Diversion Planning Grant Program

a. Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

One program was recommended at the requested amount.

v. Juvenile Diversion Grant Program

a. Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

Three programs were recommended at the requested amount.

b. Recommended for Less than Requested Funding Amount

One program was recommended for less than the requested amount.

c. Not Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

Two programs were not recommended for funding.

b. Victim Services (Mark Stuaan)

Mark Stuaan presented the subcommittee meeting minutes from the August 27, 2025, subcommittee meeting. Mark Stuaan made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Lori Torres seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

i. Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP) Grant Program

Mark Stuaan made a motion to approve the subcommittee's recommendations for funding. Rebecca Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

a. Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

Ten programs were recommended at the requested amount.

b. Recommended for Less than Requested Funding Amount

Thirty-nine programs were recommended for less than the requested amount.

c. Not Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

Five programs were not recommended for funding.

ii. Family Violence Prevention Services Act (FVPSA) Grant Program

Mark Stuaan made a motion to approve the subcommittee's recommendations for funding. Chris Blessinger seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

a. Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

Seven programs were recommended at the requested amount.

b. Recommended for Less than Requested Funding Amount

Thirty programs were recommended for less than the requested amount.

c. Not Recommended for Requested Funding Amount

Three programs were not recommended for funding.

c. Exoneration Fund (Judge AmyMarie Travis)

Judge AmyMarie Travis presented the subcommittee meeting memorandum from the August 11, 2025, subcommittee meeting. Judge AmyMarie Travis made a motion to approve the meeting memorandum. Judge Darrin Dolehanty seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

i. Heidi D. Brown Application Recommendation

Judge AmyMarie Travis presented background information regarding Heidi D. Brown's application for compensation. ICJI's recommendation was to deny the application, and the subcommittee agreed with the recommendation. Judge AmyMarie Travis made a motion to deny Ms. Brown's application. Bernice Corley seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

ii. Derek L. Boyd Application Recommendation

Judge AmyMarie Travis presented background information regarding Derek L. Boyd's application for compensation. ICJI's recommendation was to deny the application, and the subcommittee agreed with the recommendation. Judge AmyMarie Travis made a motion to deny Mr. Boyd's application. Bernice Corley seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

iii. Brandon T. Roser Application Recommendation

Judge AmyMarie Travis presented background information regarding Brandon T. Roser's application for compensation. ICJI's recommendation was to deny the application, and the subcommittee agreed with the recommendation. Judge AmyMarie Travis made a motion to deny Mr. Roser's application. Bernice Corley seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

iv. Nia K. Trotter Application Recommendation

Judge AmyMarie Travis presented background information regarding Nia K. Trotter's application for compensation. ICJI's recommendation was to deny the application, and the subcommittee agreed with the recommendation. Bernice Corley made a motion to deny Ms. Trotter's application. Judge AmyMarie Travis seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

VI. Old Business

None

VII. New Business

Douglas Huntsinger discussed the appointment of Paje Felts to the Commission on Court Appointed Attorneys (CCAA). Chief Kyle Prewitt made a motion to approve the appointment of Paje Felts to the CCAA. Lori Torres seconded the motion. The motion passed with 13 votes in favor and 0 votes against.

Douglas Huntsinger noted that a traffic safety subcommittee of the board would be created in the near future and that more information would follow.

VIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

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