

Idaho Association of Counties Juvenile Justice Administrators

Meeting Minutes— September 15th 2026

Location-Nampa Center, Nampa Idaho

1200 pm to 1230 MST

Open Meeting & Welcome by President: Brian Beck

Introduction: Brian Beck

Attendance in Person: *Amanda Leader, Todd Mauger, Mark Gough, Darin Burrell, Leahann Romero, Heather Chapman, DeeDee Phillips, Ashley Dowell, Amber Prewitt, Christy Miller, Douglas Hall, Sue Hergert, Cody Ward, Alisa Walker, Mario Umana, Dahlia Stender, Jose Orozco, Carol Johnson, Ryan Grayson, Shawn Winston, Shawn McDowell, Devin Simmons, Sarah Guthrie, Ron Stultz, Aleita Straub Workman, Darci Smith, Brian Beck, Chris Potter, Kelly Elkington, Shawn Hill, Jennifer Homberg, Kelly Brassfield*

Attendance by Zoom: *Eric Sheffield, Mark Bell, Seth Scott, Paul Shepherd, JD Storm, Jeff Breach, Jeff Miller, Stace Gearhart, Tim Howley, Dixie Tate, Sarah Renolds*

Action Items:

- **Review/Approval of June 1, 2026 minutes:**
1st Mario Umana 2nd Chris Potter
- **Approval of Meeting expenses split between Adult Misdemeanor and IACJJA**
1st Amanda Leader 2nd Dahlia Stender Motion Passed
- **Approval IAC Yearly Budget**
1st Amanda Leader 2nd Devin Simmons Motion Passed

Non-Action Items/ Presentation:

- **Shawn Winston-update on the Sub-Committee Exploring Academy Mergers**

The subcommittee formed last year to explore combining the misdemeanor and juvenile POST academies has reviewed several options and consulted with POST. One proposed model was a three-part academy separating juvenile, combined, and misdemeanor training, but POST expressed concerns due to certification complexities and increased workload for their already overburdened staff. POST's preferred option is a single unified academy, but statewide support is unclear. A survey sent to counties showed mixed responses: some support dual certification or a longer unified academy, while others oppose sending staff for five weeks of training—especially counties that only operate in one discipline.

There are still unresolved questions, including how dual certification would work for staff already certified in one discipline and whether POST would allow challenge processes or shortened crossover training.

More input is needed from administrators across the state to determine whether to continue pursuing the combined academy or table the idea for now. You plan to send another survey before the December meeting and encourage administrators to send questions. The goal is to assess whether the combined academy remains worth exploring or if efforts should be redirected to other priorities.

- **Ashley Dowell- update on Early Age Detention Workgroup**

The minimum age of detention work group previously drafted legislation, but as of now there is no legislative interest in moving it forward. Lawmakers are not inclined to adopt the proposal in its current form, so the group has decided to pull it for this year. Moving forward, the group will need to determine whether there is future legislative appetite for the concept at all and whether pursuing it continues to make sense. As of today, there are no plans for the legislation to advance

General Discussion:

Shawn Hill regarding By Laws:

The Juvenile bylaws contain unclear or inconsistent terms—especially when compared to the adult association bylaws. One issue involves membership dues: juvenile counties pay using a sliding scale based on agency size, but no official document defines the thresholds or amounts. Multiple dues levels exist, and it's unclear why different counties pay different fees when they receive the same benefits. Because of these inconsistencies, it is recommended to form a subcommittee to review both sets of bylaws, clean up language, clarify terms, and propose any needed changes. The goal is to bring those recommendations to the December meeting for a vote.

There's also a problem aligning juvenile executive board term timelines with the adult side, because the juvenile bylaws specify elections in the late-summer meeting but do not define when new terms officially begin. Fixing the juvenile bylaws is needed before the terms can be properly synchronized.

Several people expressed willingness to serve on the subcommittee, and the plan is to conduct meetings virtually to simplify discussion. The subcommittee aims to review bylaws, clarify fee structures, establish clear thresholds if size-based dues remain, and produce recommendations by December.

Individual who volunteered to be on the subcommittee are:

Brian Beck, Shawn Hill, Devin Simmons, Leahann Romero. The Group will be led by Kelly Brassfield.

Important Dates:

Upcoming Meetings

- December 3rd 2026 Ada County Juvenile Probation (0900-1200) MST

Upcoming Academy Dates

- October 21,2026 to November 13, 2026- Juvenile Justice Academy #1 (Apply By 9/21/26)
- January 6, 2027 to January 29,2027 Juvenile Justice Officer Academy #2
- April 15, 2027 to May 5,2027 Juvenile Justice Officer Academy #3
- July 22, 2027 to August 13,2027 Juvenile Justice Officer Academy #4
- September 22, 2027 to October 15, 2027 Juvenile Probation #27