



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council Board of Directors March 2025 Meeting Minutes
March 4, 2025 at 12:15 PM

Kane County Juvenile Justice Center Training Room

37W655 IL Route 38
Saint Charles, IL 60175

Join Zoom Meeting

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Voting Members: State's Attorney (chair), Chief Judge's Office, Juvenile Delinquency Court Judge, Public Defender, County Board, Sheriff's Department, Court Services, Regional Office of Education, Kane County Chiefs of Police, Juvenile Officer's Association, Kane County Bar Association

Board members present: Rachele Conant, Judge Parga, Dana Fortunato, Josh Axelsen, Mike Doyen (12:24pm)

Board members absent: Vern Tepe, Sheriff Hain, Lisa Aust, Eric Majewski, Kristen Lohrstorfer

Call to order: 12:24pm

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from January

Result:	APPROVED as distributed
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3. JJC Chairman's report
Shared update on contract - an addendum to reflect the additional funding has been signed and submitted so that the contract reflects the full award amount.
4. Old Business
 - Racial and Ethnic Disparities
 - Collaboration with CSG
 - JJC Sustainability Updates
 - Family Engagement Proposal
 - Peer Jury Discussion

Discussion:

Provided an update from Justice for Families expressing concerns about the level of commitment to support the initial proposal; they have offered to modify the proposal and work directly with local families. Board discussed options for family engagement and reviewed the purpose of this effort, distinguishing it from families engaging in their court conditions.



Discussed alternate ideas including transportation to get families to where they need to be in order to fulfill court conditions or a court navigator. Answered questions about parameters of funding – send any ideas to Julia. Also discussed how this relates to sustainability of the JJC going forward. Julia and Rachele will also meet to continue discussing options.

5. New Business

6. Trends/Legislative Updates

Julia provided a summary of a new bill - SB2156: Creates the Juvenile Detention Center Strategic Utilization Task Force to review and study the necessity of juvenile detention centers, complaints that arise out of the county juvenile detention centers in the State, and community based alternatives to juvenile detention.

Julia can send additional later this week.

7. Other updates

8. Adjournment

Next JJC Quarterly Meeting: April 1, 2025 at 12:15 PM, Juvenile Justice Center Training Room

Next JJC Board of Directors Meeting: May 6th, 2025 at 12:15 PM, Juvenile Justice Center Training Room