



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council Board of Directors May 2025 Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2025 at 12:15 PM

**Kane County Juvenile Justice Center Training Room**

37W655 IL Route 38  
Saint Charles, IL 60175

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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

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**Members present (in person):** Rachele Conant, Vern Tepe, Dana Fortunato, Eric Majewski, Destini Boswell, Mike Doyen (12:38 PM)

**Members present (virtually):** Judge Parga (12:19 PM)

**Members absent:** Lisa Aust, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Sheriff Hain

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from March

<b>Result:</b> <b>APPROVED as distributed</b>
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3. JJC Chairman's report  
**We have spent approximately \$10K of the budget for the current fiscal year.**

4. Old Business

- Racial and Ethnic Disparities

**Meetings with the Health Department to discuss compiling a data report that includes racial/ethnic disparities to assist with monitoring outcomes and identifying trends that can be addressed.**

**IRJEC has not met.**

**ADB – discussed the proposed amendment to the current proposed legislation to remove juveniles from the IDVA.**

- Collaboration with CSG

**Workgroup has continued to meet – discussed all parties' ideas around making changes to the current process to reduce case processing times. Next meeting, the workgroup will work with decision makers to come to consensus about the final proposal.**



- JJC Sustainability Updates  
**None**
- Family Engagement Proposal  
**Nothing new**
- Peer Jury Discussion  
**Nothing new**

5. New Business

- Collaboration with Dream Academy  
**Discussed a collaboration opportunity with Dream Academy to host a panel discussion with students – these are youth who may have had some interaction with the system, family who had system involvement, or experienced challenges through other systems that want to contribute to the discussion. Youth would be compensated for their participation; Julia will look into how this can be accomplished. Another possible opportunity to collaborate could be between school staff and justice system representatives to clarify roles and expectations.**

**At this point, we are looking to compile a list of questions that we want to hear from these youth. If you have additional questions, please share with Julia. Discussed offering dates in the summer, beginning with the JJC's already scheduled meeting dates.**

**Next steps – Julia will share questions and dates with Dream Academy for review. Dream will work on inviting youth to attend.**

- JJC Data Collection  
**As part of the efforts with the Health Department, discussed compiling a list of data sources/decision points that are available within the justice system that could help tell the story. Julia sent out a list of identified sources of data; share any additional sources that you know are accessible by the end of the month.**
- FY 2026 Grant  
**The grant application has been posted – it is a renewal grant. Anyone who wants to contribute/has ideas, please let Julia know.**
- JJC Site Visit  
**Will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 12pm at the JJC. Will send out materials in preparation as we get closer. We are hoping to have as much representation as possible – this is an opportunity to talk with the IJJC about some of the challenges and consider opportunities to leverage their support.**

6. Trends/Legislative Updates – **discussed update to HB3281**

7. Other updates

8. Adjournment – **12:42 PM**

**Next JJC Board of Directors Meeting:** June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 12:15 PM, Juvenile Justice Center Training Room