



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council Board of Directors July 2025 Meeting Minutes  
July 1, 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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**Board of Directors present:** Kristen Lohrstorfer, Josh Axelsen, Judge Parga, Vern Tepe, Rachele Conant, Maggie Walgreen, Mike Doyen

**Board of Directors absent:** Sheriff Hain, Eric Majewski, Lisa Aust

**Other members present:** Yesenia Saldana

**Call to order: 12:15 PM**

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from June

<b>Result:</b> <b>APPROVED</b> as distributed
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3. JJC Chairman's report
  - **May: \$1,123.23**
  - **YTD: \$12,237.84**

**Received and signed Notice of State Funding Award for FY 2026**

4. Old Business
  - Racial and Ethnic Disparities
    - **Met for data mapping discussion with Health Department. Discussed the different factors that may impact youth at different developmental stages from preconception to 25. Began matching some with sources of data. Meeting to discuss next steps.**
    - **The bill that addresses juveniles in the Domestic Violence statute (HB 3281) has been sent to the governor**



- Collaboration with CSG
  - Still working on a proposed strategy to address areas of case processing
  - CSG has approached us to partner on a grant opportunity. After some discussion, there have been a few options identified. Discussed option to utilize support from CSG to focus on expanding diversion and working with the community to engage and improve community safety/allocate resources.

**Additional discussion:**

- Concerns that this focus does not reflect what is being seen in the court room
  - Need to define what collaboration would look like – what type of community we are trying to build
  - Would like to involve community members in discussion around what they would like to collaborate on and how to get consistency in coming together
  - The Board will need to vote on moving forward with collaborating on the grant. Julia will send out email vote.
- Collaboration with Dream Academy
    - Provided dates from U-46: week of October 6, 20, and 27
    - Go back to U-46 to see what they prefer

5. New Business

- Truancy Workshop  
**VOTE: Does the Board of Directors approve spending up to \$21,000 to host a 4 – part truancy workshop series?**

<b>Result:</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>
Mover:	Judge Parga
Seconder:	Josh Axelsen
Ayes:	Conant, Parga, Axelsen, Walgreen, Doyen, Lohrstorfer, Tepe

**Discussion:**

A truancy workshop has been proposed based on some of the rising numbers in chronic absenteeism across the county. Dr. Graczyk, who has worked with our Council before, put together a proposal that was shared. It is intended to bring together school attendance teams across Kane County.

Explored concerns about getting participants to return for a fourth session. Josh provided additional information about the intention of the series – each session will build on itself and participants will be given homework in between to implement what is being learned. Would like to get 3-4 people from 20 different schools ideally. The JJC will work on securing a venue.

- JJC Structure  
**Debriefed site visit discussion and next steps.**
  - Need to involve the community in figuring out restructure
  - Prioritize reengaging community members to learn why they stopped attending
    - If needed, could do a “coffee chat”/one on one with community partners
  - Set up a meeting to do some strategic planning with community partners involved



6. Trends/Legislative Updates – **distributed**
7. Other updates  
**Kristen asked about status of station adjustment forms. Would like to share with the state level JOA. Julia will send out station adjustment forms to Kristen.**
8. Adjournment  
**Next JJC Board of Directors Meeting: August 5, 2025 at 12:15pm, Juvenile Justice Center Training Room  
1:04 PM**