



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council Board of Directors May 2026 Minutes
May 5th, 2026 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

Members present: Brenda Willett, Vern Tepe, Desiree Avitia, LaTanya Hill, Josh Axelsen, Destini Boswell, Mike Doyen, Judge Parga (12:21pm)

Members absent: Kristen Lohrstorfer, Patrick Eversole, Dana Fortunato

Call to order: 12:15pm

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from April

Result:	APPROVED as distributed
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3. JJC Chairman's report
March Financial Update:
Month: \$5,354.63
YTD: \$23,467.97

The end of the fiscal year (June 30) will mark the end of Rachele's third term. The Board was asked to consider who will take over in July.

4. Old Business
 - Racial and Ethnic Disparities
No updates. Waiting to schedule a follow up with the Health Department.
 - Collaboration with CSG
LaTanya provided an update – continuing to work on an agreement to reduce the standard conditions.



- **Truancy Workshop**
Last session is May 7th
Josh provided an update - over 110 registered to attend. Feedback continues to be positive.
- **Restorative Practices**
Josh reported out on a new SEL (Social Emotional Learning) Network coming together. There was some initial interest in support for the implementation of Restorative Practices and coming together. Also an opportunity to collaborate in preparation for the universal mental health screening. Group will reconvene in August.
- **Upstream**
Reviewed the purpose of the Upstream workshop and provided an update. Invites have been sent out. There were 31 confirmed registered as of the date of this meeting. Discussed additional representatives that should be included and adding a brief presentation of the JJC to the agenda. Julia will reach out to the parent council to extend an invitation to join.

5. **New Business**

- **JJC Vision & Mission Discussion**

Summary of discussion:

- **Consider adding in training/education into Mission Statement**
 - **This would require accounting for logistics to manage training registration. JJC may need to invest in a learning management platform or partner with organizations that could assist with registration to host training opportunities and limit to a frequency that can be anticipated on an annual basis (i.e. once or twice a year). Partner organizations could include KCBA, ROE, etc.**
- **With Upstream coming up in the next few weeks, would like to use that as a springboard for the discussion**
 - **Opportunity to explore where there is disconnect with providers/community, look at what we do well, and where there may be duplication of efforts**
- **Need to consider what outcomes the Board is looking for from the JJC**
- **Would like to see representation from a mental health provider**
- **Use the JJC as a mechanism for communication, especially out to the legal community**
- **Opportunity to increase support/focus on ensuring parents have adequate supports**
 - **Previous written materials were not overly helpful. Needs to be verbal communication**
 - **Discussed previous ideas of “lawyer in the lobby” and family navigators in court**

6. **Department/Agency Updates**

7. **Trends/Legislative Updates/Other updates**

Legislative updates sent out – no changes from April.

8. **Adjournment**

Next JJC Board of Directors Meeting: June 2, 2026 at 12:15pm, Juvenile Justice Center Training Room