



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council Board of Directors August 2026 Meeting Notes
August 25th, 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 in person: Rachele Conant, Judge Cowart, LaTanya Hill, Dana Fortunato, Josh Axelsen, Mike Doyen, Desi Avitia, Jess Michels

Members present virtually: Vern Tepe

Guests: Leslie Solano (FSA)

Members absent: Patrick Eversole, Kristen Lohrstorfer

Call to order: 12:15pm

1. Introductions
2. Approval of minutes from June

Result:	APPROVED as distributed
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3. JJC Chairman's report

Financial Update:

- **FY 2026 Year End: \$37,606.13**
 - o **Returned approximately \$40K. Did not spend all of money allotted to personnel or family engagement.**
- **July financial report will be shared at next meeting**
- **FY 2027 contract has been signed and returned**

4. Old Business

- **Racial and Ethnic Disparities**
Julia has shared a drafted letter, updated the data report plan, and spreadsheet for consideration with the workgroup for review.
- **Collaboration with CSG**
Working on finalizing updated dispositional forms and automatic expungement orders.



Will continue to meet on a monthly basis to discuss process issues, legislative updates, and any other relevant considerations.

- Restorative Practices

Julia shared some information about Lake County's deflection and diversion programming.

Discussed current opportunity may be to explore using restorative practices/justice in the community with an agency where police departments could provide a direct referral. This aligns with the research reports on probation transformation.

- Upstream

No report has been shared; there was a meeting with the facilitators back in July.

Workgroup focused on support for caregivers pre-court involvement has been regularly meeting and put out a survey.

For quarterly meeting, in light of not having the report, will debrief Upstream since this is the first quarterly meeting since and get a status update. Explore any next steps to maintain momentum.

- JJC Structure

Began reviewing results. Board will take a vote on mission, vision, and a bylaws revision to update membership. Remaining points from the survey will be reviewed with additional perspectives. Will discuss anticipated changes to occur at the September meeting for additional insights/perspectives.

5. New Business

6. Department/Agency Updates

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

8. Adjournment – **1:10pm**

Next JJC Quarterly Meeting: September 1, 2026 at 12:15pm, Juror's Lounge

Next JJC Board of Directors meeting: October 6, 2026 at 12:15pm, JJC Training Room