



Kane County Juvenile Justice Council Board of Directors June 2026 Meeting Minutes
June 2nd, 2026 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

Members present: Rachele Conant, LaTanya Hill, Josh Axelsen, Judge Parga (left at 12:59pm), Jess Michels, Vern Tepe, Judge Karayannis, Kristen Lohrstorfer, Mike Doyen (arrived at 12:17pm), Pam Ely (left at 12:59pm)

Members virtually present: Desi Avitia (12:28pm)

Members absent: Patrick Eversole

Call to order: 12:15pm

1. Introductions

2. Approval of minutes from May

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

- **Financial updates:**

- **April: \$906.90**
- **May: \$11,591.95**
- **YTD: \$35,966.82**

- **As an update for the Board, Julia had to estimate any unexpended funds within the final month and a half of the fiscal year. This is the first time that this has been requested. Estimated an additional \$5000 to be spent in the month of June, which would bring our de-obligation amount to around \$38K.**

4. Old Business

- **Racial and Ethnic Disparities**

- **Discussed a strategy to engage in a regular review of data as part of obligations as a Council and to fulfill grant requirements. Reviewed how data has been**



gathered up until this point. Julia will set up a meeting with LaTanya and Kristen to discuss data gathering further and determine next steps.

- **Julia will also revisit the discussion with the Health Dept around pulling data, especially in light of discussions from Upstream.**
- **Collaboration with CSG**
Judge Parga and LaTanya provided an update on status. Current focus is revising the court conditions and determining when to implement the changes. Reviewed changes that have already been to help reduce the length of time going through the court process and align with the research on adolescent brain development, as reinforced by the workshop led by Dr. Nandi. A recent data pull showed a reduction from an average 280 days as of 2022 to 199 days in 2025. The process changes occurred in 2025.
- **Truancy Workshop**
Josh reported out and said that the 4-part workshop was well received and districts valued the opportunity to collaborate and learn from one another. The lowest attendance (the last session) was around 80 attendees, while the highest was around 120.
- **Restorative Practices**
 - **VOTE: Does the Board approve covering the cost of \$225 for Julia to attend a virtual session covering the updates to the International Institute of Restorative Practices curriculum**

Result:	APPROVED
Mover:	LaTanya Hill
Seconder:	Judge Karayannis
Ayes:	Conant, Parga, Karayannis, Axelsen, Michels, Doyen, Hill, Tepe, Lohrstorfer

Discussion:

- **Provided an update - there has been an update to the curriculum from the International Institute of Restorative Practices – it is a 1.5 hour Zoom session on June 15th.**
- **Also provided an update on restorative justice as a diversion mechanism. Legislation has passed. Recommendation is to keep this on the radar, as research is showing that diversion should be more community led and restorative justice could be a way of doing so. This may not be a focus for the current fiscal year, but something to revisit and plan for in the new fiscal year to utilize the relationships being built with community providers.**
- **Debrief Upstream**
 - **Discussed perspectives of how Upstream went. It was observed that we all have the same goal, just different roles in contributing to the goal. Key factors that helped included having Judge Parga and Judge Karayannis' support, as well as strong facilitators and serving lunch. There was also some expressed interest in joining the Council after. It was also observed that Kane County is more resource "rich", which makes it difficult to coordinate. One of the workgroups is focused on this. Expecting to receive a report within the next 30 days.**



- **JJC Structure**

Brief discussion around the structure of the JJC moving forward. There is a desire to continue the momentum from Upstream. There was some discussion around having subcommittees; Rachele and Julia will meet with Civil about subcommittees for the JJC. The Board can consider restructuring the quarterly meetings to create a space where the subcommittees can meet before and then meet as a large group after. Julia is working on securing a larger space to accommodate. Considering using fall quarterly meeting as a “launch” after taking time to review the report from Upstream and confirming direction going forward.

5. New Business

- **FY 2027 Meeting Dates**

New meeting dates were shared. It was agreed to maintain the first Tuesday of the month, but move the quarterly meeting rotation to March, June, Sept, and Dec. Julia will reserve the JJC Training Room for the Board of Directors meetings and reserve the Juror’s lounge for quarterly meetings.

6. Department/Agency Updates

Julia provided an update from the JJC Coordinators meeting. Not meeting regularly, but this was an opportunity to check in. It was shared that there is going to be some exploration of the current statute to consider any necessary revisions/updates based on how Councils are currently operating.

7. Trends/Legislative Updates/Other updates

- **Distributed**

8. Adjournment – 1:00pm

Next JJC Quarterly Meeting: July 7, 2026 at 12:15pm, TBD

Next JJC Board of Directors Meeting: August 4, 2026 at 12:15pm, TBD