



Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention

Tuckahoe - Henrico County Public Library
1901 Starling Dr, Henrico, VA 23229

AGENDA

June 16, 2026

Members Present

Alexandria Wall
Arielle Mitchell
Caprice Piper (Virtual)
Christopher Coleman
Christopher Gibbs
Dana Partin (Virtual)
David Hall
Demetria Davis
Gabriel Suber
Delegate Debra Gardner
Jake Petzold
Kari Savage (DBHDS Proxy)
Marilyn Brown (DJJ Proxy)
Laurie Crawford (On behalf of DSS Proxy)
Samuel Perez, Chair
Teresa Berry
Valerie Coley

DCJS Staff Present

Natasha Fortune
Tony Nelson
Neil Saldazar

Members Absent

Bridgette Bowman
Brooke Rudis
Erik Conyers
Jack White
James Laster
Joseph Wharff
Kathryn Rowell
Marie Clare Matricardi
Olivia Saunders
Sallie Amos
Sandra Serna (VDH Proxy)
Senator Jennifer Carroll Foy
Stephanie Ayers

Guests Present

Alexis Aplasca (DSS)
Samantha Brooks (DSS)
Em Parente (DSS)
Tyler Tucker (Del. Gardner)
Mindy Diaz (Gov. Office)
Alex Javna (DOE)

- **ACJJP Member Roll Call and Welcome** - The meeting was called to order by the ACJJP Committee Chair at 10:05AM. DCJS staff member Natasha Fortune conducted a verbal roll call.
- **Approval of Minutes** - The committee received and reviewed the draft minutes from the January 13, 2026, meeting. Committee Chair asked if there were any corrections. A correction Vice Chair deadline was corrected to February 19, 2026. With that correction, the minutes were approved.
- **New Committee Member and Staff Introductions** - Committee Chair welcomed the four new board members:
 - Gabriel Suber
 - Arielle Mitchell
 - Caprice Piper
 - Christopher Gibbs
- **Vice Chair Election Updates** – Chair notified Committee that we have not received any eligible nominations. He asked Ms. Fortune to elaborate. Ms. Fortune advised the Committee that an email from OJJDP confirmed that we cannot have a Chair or Vice Chair who serves in local, state, or federal government role, full time, or an agency representative. Any further nominations can be sent to Ms. Fortune, who will then ask for a subcommittee to review to make recommendations.
- **DCJS Updates**
 - CJJ Conference – Chair shared his experience at the CJJ conference and his ability to be able to meet and learn from other State Advisory Group members.
 - FY26 Compliance Audit Review – Mr. Nelson provided an update on the most recent compliance audit in February. The audit report contained four findings, which are actively being addressed. A formal response is being drafted and is due to OJJDP in mid-July.
 - FY25 Compliance Standards – Mr. Nelson provided the Committee with a copy of the new compliance standards.
 - FY25 Title II Solicitation – Ms. Fortune advised the Committee that DCJS submitted our application in May.
 - Current Grant Opportunities – Ms. Fortune advised the Committee of two current funding opportunities available: Summer Youth Prevention Program and the Prevention, Intervention and Diversion Grant Program. Both have a closing date of August 18, 2026 and can be found on the DCJS website, <https://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/grants>. She also asked the Chair if it would be okay to request a subcommittee to review the grants in advance and present to the whole committee for recommendations during our September

meeting. Chair agreed. The following members volunteered to be on the grant subcommittee:

- Jake Petzold
- Alexandria Wall
- Teresa Berry

- **Virginia Three-Year Plan Planning Presentations:**

- VDOE – Alexandra Javna presented on Reducing Chronic Absenteeism, highlighting the Community Builders program.
- DSS –Samantha Brooks presented on DJJ/DSS Crossover Youth, focusing on root causes and system improvements.

- **Upcoming Events**

- Fiscal Year ACJJP Meetings
 - September 8, 2026, 10am – 4pm Richmond CSU
 - Chair asked for the meeting to be longer due to the amount of work that needs to be completed before the new year.
 - A poll was sent out to the Committee to determine if September 8-9 is the best date for everyone.

- **Adjourn** - Chair called for a motion for adjournment. Teresa Berry made the motion, which was seconded by Christopher Coleman.