



Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Prevention

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Minutes

January 13, 2026

10:00am – 12:00pm

Members Present

Sallie Amos
Teresa Berry
Bridgette Bowman
Christopher Coleman
Erik Conyers
David Hall
Demetria Davis
Keith Farmer
Delegate Debra Gardner
Linda McWilliams (DJJ Proxy)
Olivia Saunders
Kelsey Parrish
Dana Partin
Samuel Perez, Chair
Jake Petzold
Kathryn Rowell
Kari Savage (DBHDS Proxy)
Stacie Vecchietti (On behalf of DSS Proxy)
Alexandria Wall
Joe Wharff (DOE Proxy)

Members Absent

Brooke Rudis
Jack White
James Laster
Sandra Lawyer
Marie Clare Matricardi
Ramon Rivera
Senator Jennifer Carroll Foy
Stephanie Ayers
Valerie Coley

DCJS Staff Present

Jenna Easton
Natasha Fortune
Laurel Marks

Guests Present

Tyler Tucker, Legislative Assistant to Del.
Gardner

- I. **ACJJP Member Roll Call and Welcome** - The meeting was called to order by the ACJJP Committee Chair at 10:10AM. DCJS staff member Natasha Fortune conducted a verbal roll call.

- II. **Approval of Minutes** - The committee received and reviewed the draft minutes from the April 22, 2025 meeting. Committee Chair asked if there were any corrections. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as presented.
- III. **New Committee Member and Staff Introductions** - Committee Chair welcomed the six new board members and one staff member:
- Ramon Rivera
 - Kelsey Parrish
 - Keith Farmer
 - David Hall
 - Jake Petzold
 - Christopher Coleman
 - Jenna Easton – DCJS staff
- IV. **Review of Bylaws** – Natasha Fortune presented and read through the ACJJP Bylaws as a reminder to committee members who have been on the committee for a while, and as a piece of orientation for new members. More orientation is forthcoming.
- V. **Vice Chair Election** – the previous Vice Chair’s term ended this past year, so the committee must elect a new Vice Chair. Ms. Fortune requested volunteers to serve on a small subcommittee to gather the necessary nominations and present them for a vote at the next meeting. Two members volunteered, Alexandria Wall and Kathryn Rowell. Natasha Fortune will email the committee with the instructions on nominations. Nominations must be submitted by February 17, 2026.
- VI. **Making a Difference Conference Updates**
- Ms. Fortune thanked the members who have served on the Making a Difference in Juvenile Justice Conference subcommittee for its work over the past few months. They identified areas of focus and topics for the training. After the Office of Safer Communities held its Statewide Community of Practice Convening conference in December 2025, staff quickly realized the relevance of these sessions to the juvenile justice and delinquency prevention audience. It was decided to combine both events and hold one larger event, likely in March 2027.
- VII. **Public Comment** – None.
- VIII. **Next Meeting Dates**
- April 14, 2026
 - September 8, 2026
- IX. **Adjourn** - ACJJP Chair Samuel Perez called for a motion for adjournment. Delegate Debra Gardner made the motion, which was seconded by Bridgette Bowman.