Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency, and Correction
Juvenile Justice Subcommittee
September 10, 2025
DJCS-1 Conference Room (10)

Members Present (14):

Brenda Thompson
Phyllis Stewart-Brown
Wanda Cox
David Chapman
Jamie Styons
Barri Faucett
Mona Dues
Chris Casto
Olivia Laverty
Stephanie Bond
Gary "Gig" Robinson Proxy for Fred Wooton
Jeremy Dolin, Proxy for Marvin Plumley
Marty Hatfield, Proxy for Cindy Largent-Hill
Tanisha Travis, Proxy for Kimberly Mason

Members Absent (9):

Greg Puckett
Lindsey Sprouse
Dylan O'Sullivan
Karen Haring
Judge Maryclaire Akers
Jane Cabbiness

DAS/JCS Staff Present (6):

John Stigall
Shelbi Huffman
Brad Bailey
Chad Smith
Riki Correal

Welcome and Introductions:

The September 10, 2025, meeting was called to order by the Acting-Chairperson Brenda Thompson and a roll call and introductions were conducted. There were fourteen (14) members either present or represented by proxy, which constitutes a quorum of the Subcommittee membership.

Approval of Minutes:

Acting-Chair Thompson asked all members to review the minutes from the June 11, 2025 meeting. Discussion and corrections that were made to the minutes. Stephanie Bond made a motion to approve minutes, seconded by Barri Faucett. All members were in favor; minutes accepted.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair:

Acting-Chair Thompson opened the floor for nominations for the Chair position. Barri Faucett was nominated by Stephanie Bond, seconded by Gig Robinson. Following, Acting-Chair Thompson opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair and Barri Faucett nominated Jamie Styons, seconded by Stephanie Bond.

Phyllis asked Brenda to explain to the whole group the role of the Chair just in case anybody ever wants to commit to that role and explain what's expected of them

As Brenda understands it, the Chair has a little bit more active role in assisting the staff to plan the agenda; sometimes it involves meetings with staff, text, e-mails, phone calls; required to have four (4) meetings per year in person; always try to be present for grant reviews; vice chair will fill in when Chair can't make it. When sitting in the chair, you're supposed to hear motions, make sure they're seconded and take votes on them.

- **Roles and Responsibilities of Chair and Vice Chair** Phyllis Brown requested a clear explanation of the roles of the chair and vice chair, emphasizing the need to include this in the minutes. Brenda Thompson clarified that the chair assists staff in planning the agenda, is expected to attend meetings and grant reviews in-person and should be available to other members for questions and explanations. They also noted that the vice chair acts as a substitute for the chair when needed.
- **Conflict of Interest Guidelines** Phyllis Brown raised the importance of chairs avoiding personal interests and recusing themselves from voting on matters where they have an interest. Mona Dues inquired if this was part of the by-laws, and Gary Robinson confirmed that Article 7, Section C of the by-laws requires members to announce any interest and abstain from voting on related matters. Brenda Thompson further explained that the chair does not vote unless it is to break a tie.

Return to the Nomination of Barri Faucett:

Acting Chair Thompson returned to the nomination for Barri Faucett for Chair and asked for any further nominations for Chair. Acting Chair Thompson opened the votes for chair. All members were in favor; Barri Faucett was elected for Chair.

Chairperson Barri Faucett was congratulated and took lead of the meeting and called for the election for Vice Chair. All members were in favor; Jamie Styons was elected Vice Chair.

Funding Update:

John Stigall provided a funding update, noting that Aaron, the usual presenter, was unavailable. They stated that the committee is awaiting a Grant Funding Opportunity (GFO) from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) for fiscal year 2024, indicating a holding pattern until its release. Chad Smith confirmed that current programs are still operating, anticipating continued funding.

Review of Annual Report:

Brad Bailey presented the annual report, confirming that staff had updated code references and figures for the prior year's awards. The report also included the three-year strategic plan for 2024-2027 and the updated RED report. Brenda Thompson moved for approval of the annual report, seconded by Phyllis Stewart-Brown. All in favor, annual report approved.

Compliance and Monitoring Update:

Shelbi Huffman reported that the yearly compliance update was submitted, and the committee is well within compliance thresholds, including for separation violations. Shelbi clarified that the new three-year compliance cycle for OJJDP begins on October 1st. She also noted that while there were multiple violations, zero were for separation, which has no wiggle room, and preventative measures are taken to rectify violations without identifying specific counties.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be on October 30th at 9:00am at the Embassy Suites in Charleston.

Adjournment:

There being no additional business to discuss, Stephanie Bond made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Wanda Cox. Vote unanimous; meeting adjourned.