

INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR JUVENILES

Technology Committee Meeting Minutes



March 28, 2023
2:00 p.m. ET
Via Zoom

Voting Members in Attendance:

1. Kellianne Torres (IA), Designee, Chair
2. Roy Curtis (ME), Commissioner, Vice Chair
3. Judy Miller (AR), Designee
4. Brooke Montelongo (CO), Commissioner
5. Nordia Napier (CT), Designee
6. Jean Hall (FL), Commissioner
7. Melina Hampton (KY), Designee
8. Jacey Rader (NE), Commissioner
9. Natalie Dalton (VA), Commissioner

Non-Voting Members in Attendance:

1. Terrance Clayton (FL)
2. Shirleen Cadiz (HI)
3. Nita Wright (IN)
4. Benjamin Turner (KY)
5. Maxine Baggett (MS)
6. Abbie Christian (NE)
7. Rachel Johnson (NC)

Members Not in Attendance:

1. Mary Kay Hudson (IN), Commissioner
2. Holly Kassube (IL)

Guests in Attendance:

1. None

National Office Staff in Attendance:

1. Emma Goode, Logistics and Administrative Specialist
2. Joe Johnson, Systems Project Manager

Call to Order

Technology Committee Chair Torres (IA) called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. ET.

Roll Call

J. Johnson, Systems Project Manager, called the roll and a quorum was established.

Agenda

R. Curtis (ME) made a motion to approve the agenda. J. Hall (FL) seconded. The motion carried.

Discussion

- J. Johnson, Systems Project Manager, updated that the Executive Committee approved the recommendation of the Technology Committee from the last meeting to invest in an enhancement testing site. The new site will serve as a testing environment for UNITY enhancements without interfering with persons training in the training site. After the initial purchase, the site will be available to turn on and off as needed without interference with the training site or the live site. Optimum Technology will complete set up of the new site soon and the site will be available to begin testing of UNITY enhancements.

UNITY Rules Team

- Chair K. Torres (IA) updated that the UNITY Rules Team reviewed all proposed ICJ Rule Amendments with regards to the UNITY impact. The UNITY Rules Team analyzed each proposal for modifications to data fields, workflows, and forms that would result from passage of the proposed rule.
- The Technology Committee reviewed the team's findings for each of the proposed Rule Amendments listed.
 - **Rule 1-101:** Relocate (bundled with **Rules 4-101** and **4-103**) by the Rules Committee.
 - **Rule 4-102:** Sending and Receiving Referrals by the Midwest Region.
 - **Rule 4-104:** Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision by the West Region.
 - **Rule 4-104:** Authority to Accept/Deny Supervision by the Delaware and Maryland Commissioners.
 - **Rule 5-103:** Reporting Juvenile Non-Compliance, Failed Supervision, and Retaking (bundled with proposed New **Rule 5-103A:** Failed Supervision) by the Technology Committee.
 - **Rule 5-103:** Reporting Juvenile Non-Compliance, Failed Supervision, and Retaking by the West Region.
 - **Rule 6-102:** Voluntary Returns of Runaways, Probation/Parole Absconders, Escapees, or Accused Delinquents and Accused Status Offenders by the East Region.
 - **Rule 7-106:** Transportation by the Rules Committee.
 - **Rule 7-106:** Transportation by Arkansas Designee and Missouri Commissioner.
 - **Rule 7-107:** Airport Supervision by the South Region.
 - **Rule 8-101:** Travel Permits by the Rules Committee.
 - **Rule 8-101:** Travel Permits by the East Region.
- Chair Torres (IA) affirmed that all proposals had been reviewed by the Rules Committee. The review conducted by the Technology Committee's work team was separate of any recommendations made by the Rules Committee.
- J. Johnson, Systems Project Manager, added that while all proposals do not have a UNITY/Form impact, there are a couple that provide opportunities for improvement but do not required changes.
- R. Curtis (ME) commented that the impact of the East Region's proposed amendment to Rule 8-101 is adding "deferred adjudication" into the rule. However, in consideration of keeping consistency with the TOS selector options the Technology Committee assessment does not support adding this option but rather educating the Commission about Travel Permit requirements. The travel

permit workflow works the same by selecting “Probation” or “Parole.” R. Curtis (ME) expressed his concern that selecting “Probation” or “Parole” in UNITY for a juvenile with a deferred adjudication would be incorrect.

- A. Christian (NE) explained that UNITY is set up from the ICJ Rules. While the rules include deferred adjudication, they are silent to the processes and speak more to the probation/parole processes. R. Curtis (ME) agreed that routing juveniles incorrectly is a larger conversation for the future.
- **R. Curtis (ME) made a motion to approve as a package the Enhancements Team’s assessment of the 2023 Rule Amendments as presented and forward to the Rules Committee. N. Dalton (VA) seconded. The motion passed.**
- Chair Torres (IA) encouraged members to post their positive/negative comments online during the comment period (April 6 - May 8). The Technology Committee will meet in June or July to discuss concepts in UNITY developed by the UNITY Enhancement Team.

Adjourn

N. Dalton (VA) made a motion to adjourn. J. Rader (NE) seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:41 p.m. ET.