



**Agenda**  
**Douglas County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council**  
**June 9, 2026**  
**11:00am-12:00pm**  
**Douglas County Commission Room**  
**1100 Massachusetts Street**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

**Jessica Glendening,**  
*Chair, Chief Defender, BIDS*

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| 1. New Member Introductions                                | Jessica Glendening,<br>CJCC Members                     |
| 2. Review and Approval of April 2026 Minutes               | CJCC Members                                            |
| 3. 2026 Legislative Session Overview                       | Little Government Relations                             |
| 4. Review and Feedback of Revised 2025 Annual Report Draft | Katy Fitzgerald,<br><i>Criminal Justice Coordinator</i> |
| 5. Data Measures Check-In                                  | Katy Fitzgerald                                         |
| 6. Future Agenda Items                                     | CJCC Members                                            |
| 7. Open Discussion/Agency Updates                          | CJCC Members                                            |
| 8. Public Comment                                          | Members of the Public                                   |

**Adjourn**

***Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2026; 11:00am-12:00pm***  
**Douglas County Commission Room**  
**1100 Massachusetts Street**  
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***CJCC Mission:*** The Douglas County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council is an advisory board that provides an open, transparent, and collaborative forum for justice system partners, stakeholders, and community members to come together to share information, problem solve, and make evidence-informed recommendations to improve the criminal legal system.

## HANDOUTS

- February 2026 Minutes
- 2025 Annual Report Draft

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at 11:05 am, by Jessica Glendening, Chair, Chief Defender, BIDS**

### Welcome

#### **Agenda Item 1:      New Member Introductions**

**Discussion:** The CJCC welcomed Chaconie Baker who was appointed by the Board of County Commissioners to fill the second Impacted Individual seat. Jessica Glendening shared that the Lawrence Municipal Court Judge seat is currently vacant following Judge Kopecky's retirement and pending the swearing in of Judge Elizabeth Hafoka. It is anticipated that Judge Hafoka will join the CJCC in the June 2026 meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 2:      Approval of the February 2026 Minutes**

**Discussion:** February 2026 Criminal Justice Coordinating Council meeting minutes presented. No corrections were identified. Motion to approve was made by Dr. Watkins, seconded by Pam Weigand. February minutes were approved as presented unanimously.

#### **Agenda Item 3:      Review and Feedback of 2025 Annual Report Draft**

**Discussion:** Katy Fitzgerald walked CJCC members through the outline and content of the draft annual report. CJCC members provided feedback that included the following:

- Hyperlinking the full strategic plan on the website in the report
- Drawing more connection to the strategic plan in the report, including more of the objectives, tasks, and goals of the strategic plan; Add visuals of the plan/consider branding of the objectives, City of Lawrence strategic plan as an example
- Provide a review of all areas of the strategic plan, including objectives that were not part of 2025's work
- Provide a more thorough background and history of 2024's work that led to the annual report, including the bylaws and the process through which those revisions were made
- Add a section to highlight the standards, essential elements, and recommendations from the Justice Management Institute (JMI) assessment process, which was the basis for the work in 2024 and 2025
- Consider defining key terms, consider language level for the intended audience, review document to minimize use of acronyms and increase readability

**Action Steps:** Katy will incorporate feedback into a new version, send to members for review prior to June meeting.

#### **Agenda Item 4:      Future Agenda Items**

**Discussion:** The Executive Committee shared that the CJCC will receive an update from the recent legislative session by Little Government Relations in the June meeting. Jessica Glendening also suggested that following that update, the Council will likely need to

consider revisions to the current strategic plan, as recent legislation will impact pretrial release in the coming months.

**Agenda Item 5: Agency Updates/Open Discussion**

**Discussion:** Lori Alvarado shared that the DCCCA transitional housing ribbon cutting will be on June 4, from 730-930am. Tours of the new homes and DCCCA program information will be available. Ribbon cutting will be around 820/830am. A formal invitation will follow to CJCC members.

Pam Weigand shared that the specialty courts received grants from the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA), which will provide training for team members, Uber gift cards, 1<sup>st</sup> month rent payments, cell phones, and other items to help court participants.

**Agenda Item 6: Public Comment**

**Discussion:** Kirsten Kuhn shared a request for Zoom access to CJCC meetings and video recording of the meetings for community members who may not be able to easily attend CJCC meetings.

Caroline Grootes shared similar comments, requesting a recording of the meeting to be made available in addition to meeting minutes.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 11:47 am.**

**Member Attendance:**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Present/Absent</b>
Sheriff Armbrister	Present
Chief Lockhart	Present
Judge Simpson	Present
Lawrence Municipal Court	Vacant
DA Loomis	Absent
Jessica Glendening	Present
Pam Weigand	Present
Susan Benkelman	Present
Dr. Kirsten Watkins	Present
Lori Alvarado	Present
Erica Anderson	Absent
Amber Sellers	Present
Doris Ricks	Present
Tim Shoulderblade	Absent
Chaconie Baker	Present

# 2026 Session Recap

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Stuart Little & Mallory Lutz

Little Government Relations

June 9, 2026



# Big Picture

- 2026 Legislature adjourned April 11<sup>th</sup>. Extremely fast Session & budget process. Likely the new normal.
- Property taxes remained big focus, but little done in the end.
- Election year—busy campaign season, meaning fewer interims than usual. Preparing for new administration in 2027.
  - CJJO will likely meet 3x over the summer/fall.
  - Child Welfare Oversight issues and 2329.

# Issues of Interest: Behavioral Health & Public Safety; Eviction Expungement

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- HB 2250 allows use of expired Naloxone.
- CCR on HB 2365 adds kratom to schedule 1.
- Budget incl. \$1 M for HERO pilot.
- HB 2357 eviction expungement. Also includes amended SB 415: Allows AG or DA to use KCPA as a remedy for renters when rental housing condemned as uninhabitable).

# Criminal + Juvenile Justice Policy

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- HB 2329: Significant changes to juvenile justice system. Result of SB 367; Evidence-Based Practices fund conflicts; juvenile crisis intervention centers.
  - Renames JCICs; closer connections to behavioral health needs.
  - Expands detention & correctional options for juvenile offenders.
  - Raises cumulative amount of time some juvenile offenders may be held in detention.
  - Enhanced consequences for repeat juvenile offenders i.e., longer time back in custody to new max of 90 days, and when firearms involved.
  - Allows increased use of non-foster-home beds in youth residential facilities; restoration of out of home placements.
  - Expands use of the EBPF to support: juvenile offenders & families, youth experiencing BH crises, and children identified through risk needs assessments as requiring services. Interest in ensuring the new OHP has services to avoid last experience.

# HB 2444

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- Changes how:
  - Jail-time credit is applied to consecutive sentences.
  - When courts can release defendants without requiring a bond.
  - Sentencing and bond requirements for people who commit new felonies while already under supervision for a prior felony.
  - Amended in some specific sections of the grid to provide revocation flexibility and preserve SB 123 options in many cases.
- Potential Impacts (according to KDOC/Division of Budget):
  - Increase prison populations by roughly **106 beds by FY 2027** and **225 beds by FY 2036**.
  - Increase KDOC costs by approx. \$613,000 in FY 2027 and \$723,000 in FY 2028.
  - Increase costs for public defenders and courts due to additional litigation and hearings.

# Other

- KDOC review of community supervision funding formula and funding system for adults. CSG contracted to study and make recommendations. Unification of community services; distribution of state funding; local funding components all on the table for consideration.
  - Potential impacts of timing of report and transition of administration following 2026 Governor's election.
- EBPF reduced from \$31 M to \$25 M. What's its future for grants to local community supervision or other projects?
- HB 2653: Requires KDOC assist inmates prior to release to obtain ID and employment documentation.
- HB 2192: re: domestic battery sentencing, work-release eligibility, and drug treatment participation restricted for certain felony offenders:
  - Limits eligibility for certain court-ordered drug treatment programs.
  - Allows community corrections officers to conduct some criminal risk assessments for divertees in drug treatment programs.

# Interim Issues?

- Awaiting first CJJO meeting. Date TBD.
- Possible interim topics include community corrections funding formula; impacts of HB 2329; SB 123 changes i.e., allowing community corrections funding to fund RAFT supervision costs; allowing SB 123 jail credit for time in treatment.

# Questions?



Thank you!

