

MINUTES

2026 WCJC - Executive Committee Meeting January 28, 2026 at 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Present: Gabe Shepherd, Chair; Jason Harvey, Vice Chair; Ryan Joslin, District Attorney; Jef Van Arsdall, Sheriff; Marilyn Smith, Albany City Council; Joel Pickerd, Sheriff's Office; April Holland, Health Services; Damien Sands, Behavioral Health; Rick Crager, Board of Commissioners Office; Luis Maciel, Oregon Youth Authority

Guests: Judge Keri Smith; Scott Smith; Holly Drexler

1. Call to Order

Chair Shepherd called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

2. Election of Vice Chair

MOTION: Joslin moved to appoint Jason Harvey as Vice Chair of WCJC. Van Arsdall seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

3. Recommendation of John Phillips IV for Position 22

MOTION: Smith moved to recommend John Phillip IV for Position 22 in WCJC to the Board of Commissioners. Sands seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

4. Setting Topics for 2026

Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) Activity: Smith suggested addressing community concerns and best practices.

Behavioral Health & Crisis Services: Holland recommended opportunities for updates on the Crisis Center, Coordinated Homeless Response Office (CHRO), and justice-involved grant activities.

Infrastructure Updates: Harvey suggested Courthouse and Emergency Operations Center progress reports; Joslin noted a possible update on correctional facility planning and Shepherd and Crager discussed the NIC Technical Assistance Grant.

Deflection Program: Crager and Holland proposed an update on recalibration efforts.

Legislative Session Outcomes: Sands highlighted revisiting priorities and challenges in relation to behavioral health post-session.

Justice Reinvestment Program (JRP) Planning: Pickerd recommended WCJC involvement in shaping objectives for grant funding allocation.

5. Review Progress Report for Q1 and Q2 for FY 2025-27 for Formula Grant

Pickerd provided an overview of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI).

Mission Statement: Reduce recidivism and DOC imprisonment while maintaining public safety in holding individuals accountable.

Current Focus: Semi-annual reporting and building infrastructure for data collection to support the mission statement.

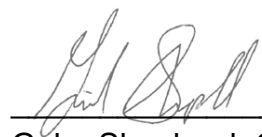
Programs Supported: Parole and Probation program and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy program. Pickerd added that the jail was utilizing the funding for the Pre-trial Release program.

Challenges: Measuring recidivism and developing effective reporting systems.

Future Goal: Provide hard data on cost savings. Van Arsdall added that the Criminal Justice Commission (CJC) oversees the funds and maintains a system to track outcomes.

6. Adjournment

Chair Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 3:33 p.m.



Gabe Shepherd, Chair