

Date & Time: January 14th, 2026 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Location: Hybrid via Webex or in person at the Salt Lake County Government Center N2-800

Criminal Justice Advisory Council (CJAC) Board Members

Executive Committee Members:

* Present during this meeting

** Excused Absence

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<i>CJAC Chair</i> , Sim Gill**	District Attorney, Salt Lake County
<i>CJAC Vice Chair</i> , Jiro Johnson*	Council Member, Salt Lake County
<i>CJAC Vice Chair</i> , Dea Theodore*	Council Member, Salt Lake County
Mayor Jenny Wilson**	Mayor, Salt Lake County
Rebecca Brown*	Deputy Executive Director, Utah Department of Corrections
Kelly Colopy*	Director, Salt Lake County Human Services
Chief Matthew Dumont*	Chief Deputy, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office
Rep. Jim Dunnigan*	Utah House of Representatives
Judge Susan Eisenman*	Third District Juvenile Court
Scott Fisher*	Division Administrator, Salt Lake City Prosecutor's Office
Judge Mark Flores*	Salt Lake City Justice Court
Kele Griffone*	Director, Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Services
Wendy Isom**	Victim Advocate
Chief Colleen Jacobs**	LEADS Chair & Police Chief, West Valley City Police Department
Andrew Johnston**	Director of Homeless Policy & Outreach, Salt Lake City
Rich Mauro*	Executive Director, Salt Lake Legal Defenders Association
Judge Brendan McCullagh*	West Valley City Justice Court
Mayor Erin Mendenhall**	Mayor, Salt Lake City
Judge Adam Mow*	Presiding Judge, Third District Court
TBD	Chief Administrative Officer, Utah Office of Homeless Services
Mark Paradise*	Third District Court Executive
Jim Peters**	State Justice Court Administrator
Senator Stephanie Pitcher**	Senator, Utah State Senate
Chief Brian Redd*	Police Chief, Salt Lake City Police Department
Sheriff Rosie Rivera*	Sheriff, Salt Lake County
TBD	Mayor, (City in SLCo)
Scott Taylor*	Lived Expert
Pamela Vickrey*	Executive Director, Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys
Tim Whalen*	Director, Salt Lake County Behavioral Health Services

Salt Lake County CJAC Staff Members

Anndrea Wild*	Director, Salt Lake County Office of Homelessness & Criminal Justice Reform
Alexandra Allen*	Associate Director, Office of Homelessness & Criminal Justice Reform
Sebastian Green*	Policy and Project Coordinator
Allison Heffernan*	Performance and Data Analyst
John Krantz*	Data Analyst, Information Services
Amber Lietz*	Youth Justice Coalition Coordinator
Brooke Lockyer*	Program and Grant Coordinator

County Staff and Members of the Public Attendance: Adam Cohen, Andi Faulkner, April Morse, Ashton Parry, Beth Graham, Brandi Hopkins, Christian Petersen, Christina Zidow, Dan Hays, Emogene Hennick-Dunn, Evan Done, Gabby Hillman, Hannah Gorski, Isaac Higham, James Peters, Jeannie Edens, Jessica Thayer, Joan Remund, Judge Kara Pettit, Kara Trevino, Katherine Fife, Kseniya Kniazeva, Lee Wilstead, Leslie Howitt, Lisa Ashman, Mary Jo McMillen, Melanie Mitchell, Mike Haddon, Neil Webster, Nicole Bernard, Pam Vickrey, Chief Randall Honey, Rebecca Brown, Richard Mauro, Robin Hartney, Scott Fisher, Shawn McMillen, Steve Burton, Susan Christiansen, Tarra McFadden, Ty Connor, Uinise Tu'avao

Meeting Minutes January 14th, 2026 CJAC Committee Meeting

SLCo Internal Video Link: <https://slco.webex.com/slco/ldr.php?RCID=3927a689d76c9e0d7c326358ab583d80>

The audio and other meeting materials can be found on the CJAC Website: <https://www.saltlakecounty.gov/ohcir/cjac/>

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ITEM

MEETING CONVENED AT NOON

00:03

Welcome from Council Member Jiro Johnson

Council member Jiro Johnson welcomed all members and requested approval from the November 2025 meeting minutes. Sheriff Rivera made a motion to approve, Kele seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Jiro Johnson made the announcement for the new 2026 CJAC Chair, Sim Gill, and the Vice Chair role that will be shared between Council Members Jiro Johnson and Dea Theadore.

01:55

Disclosure Notice and Open and Public Meetings Act Annual Review

The CJAC attorney presented to the board the annual required open and public meeting's act training. As well as a reminder that disclosure statements for board members would be collected soon.

07:43

Leifman Recommendations and Miami Trip Discussion

The group had a roundtable discussing takeaways and things they learned from the recent trip to Miami, and Miami-Dade County. This trip was following up some of the draft initial recommendations that Salt Lake County was given by the Leifman Group who conducted a system analysis. The group was able to gather additional insight into jail operations, and care coordination. Additionally, they were able to meet peer support staff who work for the court and the connections they are able make. It was also noted that through the Miami structure they were able to create housing for 8,000 individuals.

It was brought up from Behavioral Health, that while it is important to invest in treatment and crisis care, but it doesn't end the cycle until these folks are able to get into housing.

26:35

2026 CJAC Legislative Tracking Presentation- Sebastian Green

Sebastain reviewed the legislative tracker that he has been working to roll out and collaborate with partners to ensure it encompasses data that is most helpful. He spoke about how the tracker can alleviate much of the time and energy it takes one individual to track bills and session updates. He discussed how the tracker works, how it can be utilized, and next steps.

33:06

Office of the Legislative Auditor General Criminal Justice Audits Review- Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Rivera gave a presentation discussing the most recent legislative performance audit of the Salt Lake County Jail. While the audit was extremely detailed and extensive, she gave a summary and highlighted the major findings. The first discussion point was overcrowding release, but it was noted that June 2025 was the last time an overcrowd release occurred due to legislative changes. However, even with the additional beds opened in 2025, they are at capacity (averaging 90% capacity daily).

Other findings that the Sheriff's Office is working on includes: Updating jail forecasting, Jail expansion that may be addressed by a bond, establishing metrics and increase frequency of jail data analytics/recidivism rates, improving SLCo criminal justice system coordination overall, and possible discussions with the legislature to amend statute around traditional accountability methods.

56:25 Following Sheriff Rivera's presentation discussing the legislative audit of the Salt Lake County Jail, discussion occurred around the room. Much of the discussion centered around next steps, what accountability looks like, utilizing existing resources in the County, SUD, and how other organizations/agencies can support with the audit findings.

It was noted that the utilization of the crisis care center by law enforcement is low for all police agencies. Salt Lake City Police Department (SLC PD) is the highest at 11%, with the ideal percentage/goal being around 40-50%. It was mentioned that accountability and following up on the clients status after drop off is a barrier for police. It was determined that this discussion should be continued to find a solvency to increase usage from SLCPD and other police departments.

1:22:19 **Closing remarks, Member Roundtable and Time for Public Comment**
Vice Chair, Jiro Johnson opened the room for public comment and member round table. One comment was made by Steve Burton; he suggested that the discussion stating the group would be reconvening in February with one of the CJAC Work groups regarding the Crisis Care Center would be too late. He suggested that since there are 2 legislatures working on this issue, and if there is a way to collaborate prior that would be recommended.

1:24:23 **Meeting Adjourned by CJAC Vice Chair, Council Member Jiro Johnson.**
Judge McCullagh made a motion to adjourn, Chief Dumont seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Meeting Materials

[SLCo Sheriff's Office Legislative Audit Summary Presentation](#)

[2026 OHCJR/CJAC Legislative Tracking Presentation](#)

Next Scheduled CJAC Meeting March 11th, 2026 12:00 to 1:30 PM

Minutes and meeting materials available via website <https://www.saltlakecounty.gov/ohcjr/cjac/>
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