

Criminal Justice Advisory Council Board Members

Executive Committee Members:

* Present during this meeting

** Excused Absence

Chair Mayor Jenny Wilson*

Vice Chair Sim Gill*

Mayor, Salt Lake County

District Attorney, Salt Lake County

Dave Alvord*

Luna Banuri

Judge John Baxter

Jim Bradley*

Chief Jack Carruth

Catie Cartisano

Karen Crompton*

Chief Matthew Dumont*

Rep. Jim Dunnigan*

Scott Fisher*

Kele Griffone*

Salt Lake County Council

Chair, SLCo CODA, Subcommittee on Criminal Justice & Law Enforcement

Salt Lake City Justice Court

Salt Lake County Council

South Salt Lake City Police Department

Individual with Lived Experience

Director, Salt Lake County Human Services

Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office

Utah House of Representatives

Division Administrator, Salt Lake City Prosecutor's Office

Director, Criminal Justice Services

Executive Director, Utah State Department of Corrections

Presiding Judge, Third District Court

Executive Director, Salt Lake Legal Defenders Association

Utah State Senate

Judge, West Valley City Justice Court

State Justice Court Administrator

Salt Lake County Sheriff

Mayor, Millcreek City

Third District Court Administrator

Executive Director, Utah Juvenile Defender Attorneys

West Jordan Police Department, LEADS Chair

Director, Salt Lake County Behavioral Health Services

Judge Mark Kouris*

Rich Mauro*

Senator Karen Mayne*

Brendan McCullagh*

Jim Peters

Sheriff Rosie Rivera*

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini

Peyton Smith

Pamela Vickrey*

Chief Ken Wallentine*

Tim Whalen*

CJAC Staff Members:

Jojo Liu*

Tucker Samuelson*

John Krantz*

Jacob Smith*

Heather Bailey*

Nick Mecham*

Director, Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Initiatives

Management Analyst

Data Analyst, Information Services

Expungement Navigator

Grant and Office Coordinator

Policy and Program Coordinator

County Staff and Members of the Public Attendance: Brandi Hopkins, Brittany Karzen, Charly Swett, Christopher Kauffmann, Darrin Casper, Dorisdae Belford, Eric Hutchings, Erin Litvack, Isaac Higham, Jeannie Edens, Jeff Hall, Jon Thelen, Justin Stewart, Katherine Fife, Kyle M. Palmer, Judge Laura Scott, Michael Judson, Richard Jaussi, Sam Klemm, Saskia DeVries, William Carlson

Meeting Minutes

MEETING CONVENED AT NOON

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	June 9, 2021 CJAC Committee Meeting (Link to video) The audio can be found on our website https://www.slco.org/cji/advisory-council/
00:00	Welcome from Mayor Wilson and Approval of Minutes
00:00	Mayor Wilson wanted to thank everyone involved with COVID and moving the needle forward within the County. She is happy to pass the CJAC Committee Chair position to DA Sim Gill.
01:40	Mayor Wilson asked if everyone has had an opportunity to review the April Minutes. DA Sim Gill motioned to approve the June Minutes. Chief Matthew Dumont second the motion. All were in favor.
02:12	DA Sim Gill wanted to take a moment to thank Mayor Wilson for all her hard work this past year with the pandemic, earthquakes, windstorms, etc. It has been a unique year and he is thankful for her leadership and the work that was put in by herself and her staff.
5:00	Introductions were made around the room.
07:16	CJS Dashboard Meeting Materials: Pretrial Services Dashboard
07:16	Jojo Liu prefaced how the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Initiatives supports CJAC through data projects that drives coordination and insights to be able to make operational and policy decisions based on real-time data. Tucker Samuelson has been working on a Pretrial Dashboard with Kele Griffone and her team. This dashboard is part of a longer-term project to bring various sources of information together to have an integrated real-time Pretrial Justice/Pretrial Detention Dashboard.
08:11	Kele Griffone wanted to highlight that the data has been helpful showing the changes how COVID has affected the pretrial population. They have been able to discern how to best serve their clients by helping to remove barriers to get them to their court appearances while keeping the public safe.
08:40	Tucker Samuelson shared the Pretrial Services Dashboard . He explained the role of Pretrial Services isn't always well known. They decided to show a walkthrough on what Pretrial Services is and what their basic functions are, as well as demographic information. Success rates and outcomes will not be on this dashboard, but they plan to add this information to the integrated Pretrial Dashboard. Tucker proceeded to show the dashboard with Brandi Hopkins, CIS Data Analyst.

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22:53	Judge Mark Kouris asked how they could get access to the pretrial information on individuals before they release them. A discussion took place on where the disconnect on information is taking place and how they can rectify the issue.
42:32	<p>HB220 Implementation Update</p> <p>DA Sim Gill wanted to keep this topic in the forefront of discussion because of our role in 3rd District Court and Salt Lake County. There has been a repeal and some pushback for HB220. He believes most stakeholders are committed to a similar approach on a data driven model. This will have systemic impact for the populations that are intersecting with the criminal justice system.</p>
44:58	Richard Mauro spoke further on how stakeholders are discussing bail reform. There is tension with whether we should or should not have bail within the state. Most (85-90%) of major district attorney/county attorney offices and the big public defender offices are in favor of HB206 type of bail reform activity. He spoke further on discussions that have been going on to determine what or how to determine the process moving forward. There is different kind of political considerations relative to bail reform. They are trying to make progress in terms of next steps.
50:05	Will Carlson added that it's unfortunate that the 220 working group has been putting so much focus on monetary bail. The public has an interest in ensuring 4 conditions while the case is pending: public safety, avoiding inappropriate contact, appearance in court, and judicial process. Monetary bail doesn't cover 3 of those conditions, and only slightly covers court appearance. Salt Lake County DA Office has implemented a policy while we are in the in-between phase. The presumption is release, unless one of those 4 conditions are imperiled I that they look at terms and conditions of release or pretrial detention. Monetary bail, when used, should consider an individual's ability to pay and when someone is brought into the justice system, should quickly be replaced by something more effective for ensuring those 4 conditions. They hope the working group for the state does not interfere with the great work that Salt Lake County is already engaging in.
51:31	A discussion ensued on what bail looks like from the side of the courts, judges, prosecutors, victims, the individual waiting for trial, and the public.
55:37	<p>COVID Recovery/Normalization Updates</p>
56:15	Darrin Casper shared where the county sits with ARPA funding. The criminal justice system has been negatively affected by COVID and has access to these funds. You would need to put together a plan, make a pitch and will need approval by a policy maker. Mayor Wilson invited everyone to think through what and how COVID has affected the criminal justice system. If they could benefit from this funding by helping to recover from the COVID pandemic. They should put in their plan and submit it to the appropriate stakeholders.

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1:05:01	<p>DA Sim Gill would like a roundtable discussion on where we are as we think about our re-entry back from COVID and normalization. Judge Mark Kouris spoke on how they have most things back online. The Courts, Jail, Pretrial, DA, and LDA have all worked together to be able to make this happen. They have been able to do most things online, except for trials. They were able to start in-person trials in January with modifications for everyone's safety. Once they are caught up on trials, they will start offering other in-person court appearances. He believes that they will continue some of these online practices where applicable. Judge Brendan McCullagh stated they have been doing similar things processes as District Court. He will be an advocate to continue offering a virtual option, even after they start in-person trials. They have noticed more individuals able to show up online and not miss their court dates. A discussion ensued on what the courts have been doing to get caught up since COVID hit.</p>
1:18:23	<p>Chief Matthew Dumont spoke on the jail re-opening and the challenges they are facing. The jail population is increasing from 1200-1300 to 1643 as of this morning. COVID is still a concern, and they had a recent outbreak in one of their housing areas with 15 cases. This is more cases at one time than during the entire pandemic. For the size of the jail, they have yet to reach 100 cases since the beginning of the pandemic.</p>
1:20:03	<p>Karen Crompton asked a question on where they are at on the pretrial cases and if those are being taken care of in a reasonable time? DA Sim Gill answered stating that their office is working on using the efficiencies that have come out of all this. The environment has changed with utilizing teleworking, virtual, texting, email and in some instances still meet in-person. They are still able to able to adjudicate with the existing format that they have. Judge Mark Kouris agreed stating that this format has been helpful for individuals to be able to take a break at work and join their court showing. Instead of losing their job by showing up in person. DA Sim Gill added ideas on the expansion of pretrial and urged individuals to think about some creative ways to help this population. There might be some ARPA resources that might be available. Karen Crompton finished this discussion by thanking everyone for pivoting and thinking differently to move the needle forward.</p>
1:23:06	<p>Jim Bradley asked about the discussion on the jail population. He wants to know why the jail population is increasing and what did we learn during those 6 months that we can do? DA Sim Gill answered stating that he has brought this up and stated they will not go back on the lessons and efficiencies that they have learned during COVID. He stated that bail reform is important and comes as a supplement to the jail reduction policy. They started with 2159 jail population and brought the number down to 1100-1200s. His office is committed to going back to those same strategies to reduce those numbers and not get back up to the 2159 numbers. Chief Matthew Dumont added that the arrests have gone down by two-thirds. There are some delays with the courts, which have made the length of stays longer for some individuals. Half of the jail population as of today are 1st and 2nd degree felons. DA Sim Gill stated even though they are still moving to normalization, they are not back to normal yet. That's why those numbers look how they do. Jim Bradley</p>

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stated maybe the Jail Dashboard will show some of this information. He would be interested to see the correlation what crimes were committed back when the population was low, why were the bookings down, what was the profile of incarcerated individuals. Sheriff Rivera stated during COVID, local law enforcement had less interaction with individuals. We need to take into consideration that is a reason for the rise in arrest and jail bookings. Eric Hutchings added the Jail Release Program could offer help in this category. Mayor Jenny Wilson how important it is for people moving through the system to be able to have options on how they interact with the courts. Representative Dunnigan wanted to add that jail isn't bad for all the individuals. It can help them get back on track. We don't want to send everyone to jail, but make sure that the right individuals get there. DA Sim Gill finished the discussion stating, if we do our assessments right and they represent the right risk factors, and the threat of jail is the proper incentive, but they cannot use jail as the only incentive.

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Meeting Adjourned

Next Regular Meeting: August 11, 2021 @ Noon

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