

Date & Time: September 10th, 2025 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

^ Representative Sent

CJAC Chair, Mayor Jenny Wilson*

CJAC Vice Chair, Sim Gill*

Mayor, Salt Lake County

District Attorney, Salt Lake County

Jiro Johnson*

Council Member, Salt Lake County

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Council Member, 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

Wayne Niederhauser**

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

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini**

Mayor, Millcreek City Utah

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: Abby Senseney, Adrienne Buhler, Andrew Riggle, Anne Mills, April Morse, Ashton Perry, Beth Graham, Brett Robinson, Christina Zidow, Craig Hicken, Dan Hays, Dustin Fowler, Elizabeth KLC, Erica Wood, Evan Done, Jared Reynolds, Jennadiah Rodriguez, Jim Retallick, Justin Stewart, Katherine Fife, Maria Sanchez, Mary Jo McMillen, Matthew Barraza, Mikayla Williams, Natalie Shewell, Nate Hutchinson, Neil Webster, Nick Pensari, Sarah Bruner, Shawn McMillen, Steve Burton, Susan Christiansen, Uinise Tu'avao

Meeting Minutes September 10th 2025 CJAC Committee Meeting

SLCo Internal Video Link: <https://slco.webex.com/slco/ldr.php?RCID=bdf5cc78b1eacbc5c7dc192b1e96f5e>

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

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MEETING CONVENED AT NOON

- 00:20 **Welcome, Opening remarks, and Approval of July Minutes from CJAC Chair Mayor Wilson**
Mayor Wilson welcomed all and thanked everyone for all the work they are doing to make Salt Lake County better. Sheriff Rivera made a motion to approve the July 2025 CJAC meeting minutes, Jiro Johnson seconded the motion, all were in favor.
- 01:20 **Introduction of new CJAC Board members**
Mayor Wilson requested the two new CJAC Board members introduce themselves; these members were voted on by the CJAC leadership team. Judge Mark Flores will be taking over for Judge Jojo Liu in the Justice Court Judge position on the Board. Scott Taylor will be filling the Lived Expert position on the Board.
- 04:34 **JJOC Data Study Presentation – Utah Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice**
Van Nguyence and Sheena Yoon from the State CCJJ office, presented on their Geospatial Study and data gathered. This included highlight how external folks can access their data, reports, and specifically the Spatial Risk Analysis through their website: [2025 Statewide Youth Geospatial Study | CCJJ](#)

Some of the youth data that was reviewed includes: Gun violence by zip code, statewide recidivism rates for judicial and non-judicial, and referral rates by area. Discussion occurred around the room about questions on data presented.
- 20:28 **Salt Lake County Magna Project Presentation- Magna Safety & Success**
Amber Lietz, who has is the coordinator of this project, began the presentation by discussing the history, target population, and goals of the project. She highlighted the gun violence data found, prevention efforts, group collaboration, and the implementation of CJAC Juvenile Justice Workgroup. Amber also discussed the implementation of mentorship programs in the target areas.
- 26:15 **Choose Gang Free**, represented by Program Manager Maria Sanchez and Project Director for Salt Lake Area Gang Project Lt. Nate Hutchinson. Choose Gang Free is currently in Matheson Jr High and Cyprus High School. Maria went into the details of what their program current does, how they support the youth in Magna, the curriculum, and program goals. Program data was also reviewed showing the population, grades, contact, and referrals. They are working to create a more comprehensive way to highlight data and track student impact. They are working to capture qualitative data.
- 39:19 **Granite Check & Connect**, represented by the Prevention Manager Sarah Bruner and Director of Student Services and Prevention Jared Reynolds. Sarah discussed the background of Check & Connect currently implemented in Granite School District. This is an evidence based structured mentoring intervention program with four core components, Mentor, Check, Connect, and Family Engagement. A review of student case studies as examples were shared with the group.

- 50:42 Youth Court, represented by two students currently in/help run the Youth Court program as Youth Court Youth Panelists, Jennadiah and Mikayla. Youth court is for youth, by youth that allows students to take alternative pathways when facing a possible record. This is an early intervention-based program and reduce or eliminate interactions with the juvenile justice system. The students spoke on the importance of their referrals and collaboration with the different areas that youth interact with. This includes law enforcement, school, juvenile courts, and parents. Both spoke about how this impacted the community through their perspective, and their personal experiences they have with youth court. Youth Court will be expanding to 87 schools and 18 zip codes.
- 59:43 Granite School District, Director of Student Services and Prevention Jared Reynolds, reviewed student data with the group. The data was comparative showing the differences in offenses from 23-24 to 24-25 since the increase in student interactions with Granite Check & Connect. The data highlighted that there has been a decrease in 1st -3rd offenses, and how not only the program but school policy changes focused on diversion rather than expulsion has impacted the student outcomes.
- 1:07:54 Magna Project & impact for Salt Lake County, presented by Amber Lietz. Justice-Involved Youth Magna Trends were highlighted showing that Magna's youth violence incidents are now going down compared to Salt Lake County as a whole.
The CJAC Juvenile Justice Workgroup mapped out preliminary key patterns for pre-justice involved youth. This shows truancy and defiance are starting in early elementary school and escalates to middle and high school. Trends with mentorship and structured programming show that interventions work, especially with early interventions.

Gun Safe Families Project was presented; it was explained how this collaborative and partner focused project will distribute a total of 1500 gun safes to at risk families. This partnership is also expanding into the Weber area, and partnership with safe UT will be distributing an additional 600 safes with smart monitoring that can share info with MCOT.

A quick review of all planned collaborations in process as it relates to the Magna Project was done
- 1:13:27 Pam Vickrey the Executive Director of Utah Juvenile Defender Attorney's, presented on what her organization is working on including the additional position of Integrative Advocate that was added to their team. This position will provide crisis intervention, system navigation, works with schools and community services, keeps youth engaged, and address root causes of issues youth is facing. As well as the nonjudicial adjustment access to legal counsel.

Opportunity Nights were introduced to the group. This will be a youth resource fair that meets students where there at. They will gain access to resources directly at the fair and help reduce barriers that impede their ability to access needed connections and support.
- 1:23:28 Pam Vickrey made the request to vote on CJAC's support for the Magna Project staff to approach the legislature.

This would be to review geospatial data and team up with a local county that is facing similar issues such as Weber County. They would like to approach the legislature to request needed funds to move the work along. Funding for this grant is running out and they want to ensure there is guaranteed sustainability and expansion. The motion was made, Sheriff Rivera seconded and all were in favor.

- 1:23:07 **Closing remarks, Member Roundtable and Time for Public Comment**
Chair, Mayor Wilson opened the meeting to the group for any updates, none were made. Mayor Wilson thanked all panelists for their work and the positive impact they have on youth.
- 1:29:13 Mayor Wilson requested a motion to approve the 2 new board members Judge Mark Flores and Scott Taylor. Sim Gill made the motion and Jiro Johnson seconded the motion, all were in favor.
- 1:29:36 **Meeting Adjourned by CJAC Chair, Mayor Wilson.**

Meeting Materials

CCJJ Site: <https://justice.utah.gov/research-analysis/2025-statewide-youth-geospatial-study/>

Meeting Slide Deck: [CJAC September 10th Juvenile Justice Presentation](#)

Next Scheduled CJAC Meeting November 12th, 2025 12:00 to 1:30 PM

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