

Governor’s Juvenile Justice Commission

Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 28, 2025, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting

Co-Chairs: Commissioner Diane Rondini and Commissioner Carl Ashley

Subcommittee	Commissioner Ben Gonring, Commissioner Meaghan Henry,
Members Present:	Commissioner Diane Rondini, Greg Bucholtz, Commissioner Lance Horozewski, Commissioner Andrew Miller, Commissioner Evelyn Coker, Commissioner Dana Brown, Kim Jenkins, Commissioner Dorinthia Robinson, Commissioner Carl Ashley, Commissioner Aidan Raney, Commissioner Lesley Baird Chapin, Commissioner Sharlen Moore
Subcommittee	
Members Not Present:	Judge Everett Mitchell
Wisconsin DOJ Staff:	Kiley Komro, Sabrina Gentile, Matt Allord, Jessica Reindl

Convene

The Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee convened at 12:01 p.m.

Chair’s Welcome and Roll Call

Co-Chair Diane Rondini welcomed subcommittee members to the meeting. Co-Chair Rondini confirmed quorum with DOJ Staff. Co-Chair Rondini asked staff for DOJ updates.

DOJ Updates

Compliance – Matt Allord reported DOJ staff has had no contact with OJJDP staff during the federal government shutdown. Allord reported he and Jessica Reindl have completed about 20 JJPA audits and plan to do around 60 total. Allord reported DOC staff are doing the physical building audits of jails and court holdings this year.

Allord reported Wisconsin received notice from OJJDP that they are on the on-site audit visit schedule for 2026. Allord reviewed the notice letter with the subcommittee. Allord asked for input from subcommittee members that were on OJJDP audits in the past. DOJ staff and members with prior experience reviewed past logistics for audits, including information received from partners in other states who were recently audited, as well as the Coalition for Juvenile Justice. Allord discussed preparation that is already underway, without a confirmed date of the audit from OJJDP, and will keep Commissioners updated as to new developments.

Legislation – Gentile reported there has not been any action on the Legislative Council bills and the elimination of prosecution of minors for committing and act of prostitution bill that GJJC has been monitoring. Gentile reported the State Building Commission was meeting today and the agenda includes approval of \$15 million to fund the Governor’s preliminary comprehensive corrections plan.

Grants – Kiley Komro reported that there are no updates on the timeline for posting of the Fiscal Year 2025 Title II Formula Grant Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). GJJC membership complies with the JJDPA and all other documents are prepared for the application when it opens. Several subgrants closed in the summer and fall and will be invited to present to the GJJC in 2026. Matt Allord added that prior years of Title II funding are currently being used to cover staff and commission expenses and fund subgrants until FY2025 is awarded.

Co-Chair Rondini asked for a motion to approve the June 24, 2025, meeting minutes.

Motion to Approve June 24, 2025, PLC Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Commissioner Dana Brown and seconded by Commissioner Aidan Raney to approve June 24, 2025, Policy, Legislation, and Compliance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

Wisconsin Alliance for Youth Justice (WAYJ): Eliminate Juvenile Life Without Parole

Nikki Olson, Wisconsin Alliance for Youth Justice presenter

Olson presented information on WAYJ, including the group’s background and mission, prior work, and current efforts advocating for legislation that eliminates the possibility of sentences of life without parole for certain youthful offenders.

Last session, SB801 and AB845 were introduced. SB801 received a hearing. The authors plan to introduce the legislation again this session. Olson shared reports from other states regarding recidivism rates for released juveniles sentenced to life in Pennsylvania and reports regarding Wisconsin’s high percentage of prisoners locked up for crimes committed as youth.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Announcements

Diane Rondini reported that she and WI DOJ staff recently met virtually with Esther Hong, an Associate Professor with the Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. Professor Hong is conducting research on the JJDPA and the role of State Advisory Groups; specifically how the JJDPA has influenced state and local juvenile law policies in Wisconsin.

Chair Rondini and WI DOJ staff were able to share information about Wisconsin during this conversation, and any reports or final documents will be shared with the GJC in the future.

2026 PLC Subcommittee Virtual Meetings

- TBD

2025 GJC Quarterly Meetings: 9:00AM-12:00PM

- November 11, 2025 (virtual)

Co-Chair Rondini asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion was made by Commissioner Charlen Moore and seconded by Commissioner Aidan Raney to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed on a voice vote.