

Indiana Interstate Compact State Council

April 9, 2026

Minutes

The Indiana Interstate Compact State Council met on April 9, 2026, from 2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at 251 N. Illinois Street, Indianapolis, Indiana. Interim Chief Administrative Officer Aaron Hood presided over the meeting.

1. Members present. The following members attended the meeting:

- Aaron Hood, Interim Chief Administrative Officer of Office of Judicial Administration and chairperson
- Chris Biehn, Indiana Compact Commissioner and Director of Justice Services, Indiana Office of Court Services
- Tracy Fritz, proxy for Executive Director of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Council
- Doug Huntsinger, Executive Director of Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
- Laura Berry, Executive Director of Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
- Bernice Corley, Executive Director of Indiana Public Defender Council

2. Members absent. The following members did not attend the meeting:

- Steve Luce, Executive Director of Indiana Sheriffs' Association
- Waylon James, designee for Director of Department of Child Services
- Judge Drew Bloch, president of the Indiana Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges
- Rep. Steve Bartels, Indiana General Assembly
- Lloyd Arnold, Commissioner of Indiana Department of Correction

3. Office of Court Services Staff present. The following members of the Office of Court Services staff attended the meeting:

- Catheryne Pully, executive director
- Jenny Bauer, staff attorney
- April Simmons, Adult Deputy Compact Administrator
- Nita Wright, Juvenile Deputy Compact Administrator (video)
- Antwanita Brooks, Interstate Compact Specialist
- Reilly Sommers, program coordinator
- David Sexton, program coordinator
- Rose Walker, program support specialist

4. March 14, 2025, Meeting Minutes. The meeting minutes from March 14, 2025, were unanimously approved on motion and second by Doug Huntsinger and Laura Berry.

5. Adult and Juvenile Compact Updates.

a. Adult Compact. DCA April Simmons reported the following on the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision:

- New ICAOS rules: The 2025 Rules Amendment became effective April 1, 2026. State-wide training was held on March 12th with 119 attendees.
- The Commission formed a Risk, Need, Responsivity Workgroup in 2023 to pilot an initiative to review violations and retaking. The pilot data from 9 states showed that many of the violations filed by states did not result in a revocation of the sentence and the supervised individual returned to supervision with little to no sanctions or additional conditions added to the probationer's sentence. The Commission partnered with the Center for Effective Public Policy who developed a violation matrix to address violation severity and stability factors. The idea is to focus more on intermediate sanctions before filing violations.
- ICAOS rolled out a new website recently.
- Indiana's compliance audit results are 90% or higher in all categories.

b. Juvenile Compact. DCA Nita Wright reported the following on the Interstate Commission for Juveniles:

- The rule amendments adopted at the 2025 annual business meeting became effective April 1, 2026, and included enhancements to the UNITY data system for tracking interstate juvenile movement, supervision, and return of juveniles who are on probation, parole, or have run away. The amendments include mandatory relocation, identifying conditions of supervision that cannot be supported, and 10-day business days calculation for mandatory relocation. The UNITY operational enhancements include a session time-out warning, a halo option over optional information that is important to enter into the system, a notation that assistance is required to obtain signatures on forms, automatic entry of officer signature on travel permits, 10-day window to re-open cases, new rights to delete documents to safeguard information, new process for runaway returns, and returns that involve air travel.
- The Compact Office conducted statewide training on the new rules on March 10th.

- The results of Indiana’s first quarter compliance audit are still pending. States must meet a 90% threshold under the national quarterly auditing reports—this threshold is higher than the national office previously required. The Compact Office is holding frequent training courses to help counties meet these audit obligations.

6. Other business. Compact Commissioner Chris Biehn reported that Natalie Savilla left the Office of Court Services at the end of 2025 and Laura Hausladen retired on April 1st. Antwanita Brooks started as a compact specialist recently and the Compact Office is in the process of hiring another specialist to return to full strength.

7. Next Meeting Date. The Interstate Compact State Council’s next meeting is to be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenny Bauer

Indiana Office of Court Services