



CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

69th Montana Legislature

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Laura Smith
Barry Usher

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SJ Howell
Amy Regier

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Laura Sherley - Research Analyst
Ania Alduenda - Secretary

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MINUTES LOG

May 28, 2025
Capitol Room 137 & Zoom
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Amy Regier, Presiding Officer (R)
Rep. SJ Howell (D)
Sen. Barry Usher (R)
Jimmy Patelis, Vice Presiding Officer
Mark Dunn, Public Member
Shantelle Gaynor, Public Member
Eldena Bear Don't Walk, Public Member
Alan Doane, Public Member
Henry Seaton, Public Member
Amy Tenney, Public Member
Scott Twito, Public Member
Ross Canen, Public Member

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Laura Smith (D)
Charlie Brereton, Public Member

Brian Gootkin, Public Member
Melissa Kelly, Public Member
Brett Schandelson, Public Member
Luke Berger, Public Member

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Sherley, Research Analyst
Ania Alduenda, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

08:04:16 Presiding Officer Amy Regier called the meeting to order at 8:04 AM. The council secretary took roll.

Introductions of New Members and Staff

08:05:56 Judge Mark Dunn
08:06:30 Sen. Laura Smith joined the meeting.
08:06:34 Rep. SJ Howell
08:06:56 Sen. Barry Usher
08:07:33 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

COUNCIL LEGISLATION

08:07:48 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
08:07:58 Laura Sherley, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT 1](#)
[EXHIBIT 2](#)
[EXHIBIT 3](#)
[EXHIBIT 4](#)
[EXHIBIT 5](#)
[EXHIBIT 6](#)

Committee Questions / Discussion

08:13:47 Scott Twito
(See Exhibit 4)
08:14:49 Sen. Laura Smith
08:15:24 Rep. SJ Howell
08:16:28 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
[EXHIBIT 7](#)
08:16:37 Scott Twito
08:16:54 Vice Presiding Officer Jimmy Patelis
08:18:08 Sen. Laura Smith
08:20:20 Scott Twito

COUNCIL LEGISLATION - Continued

08:21:32 Laura Sherley, LSD
(See Exhibit 1)
[EXHIBIT 8](#)

Committee Questions / Discussion

08:22:36 Sen. Barry Usher
(See Exhibit 8)
08:24:48 Scott Twito
08:25:46 Sen. Barry Usher
[EXHIBIT 9](#)

Public Comment

08:26:02 May Simmons, Lake County

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

08:31:03 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

Council Procedures, Proxies, & Staff Responsibilities

08:31:09 Laura Sherley, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT 10](#)

Committee Questions / Discussion

08:33:27 Sen. Barry Usher

Motion

08:34:00 Sen. Barry Usher moved to adopt the Operating Procedures of the Criminal Justice Oversight Council 2023-2024 and to postpone the vote on presiding officers until the next meeting.

Discussion on the Motion

08:34:09 Sen. Laura Smith
08:34:28 Sen. Barry Usher
08:34:42 Rep. SJ Howell
08:34:59 Sen. Barry Usher

Vote

08:35:32 Carried unanimously by voice vote.

Reimbursement and Travel Claims

08:36:27 Angie Carter, Financial Office Director, LSD
[EXHIBIT 11](#)

Committee Questions / Discussion

08:40:20 None

Public Comment

08:40:23 None

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA WAREHOUSE UPDATE

08:40:32 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
08:41:14 Natalia Bowser, Executive Director, Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC)
(See Exhibit 3)
08:46:40 Janice Fries, Statistical Analysis Center Director, MBCC
08:53:35 Adam Carpenter, Chief Data Officer, Department of Administration (DOA)
09:00:51 Natalia Bowser, MBCC
[EXHIBIT 12](#)

Committee Questions / Discussion

09:02:29 Sen. Barry Usher
09:02:39 Adam Carpenter, DOA

Public Comment

09:03:55 May Simmons, Lake County

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (DOC) UPDATE

09:07:54 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
09:08:14 Eric Strauss, Deputy Director, DOC
[EXHIBIT 13](#)

Committee Questions / Discussion

09:23:17 Shantelle Gaynor
09:23:47 Deputy Director Eric Strauss, DOC
09:24:59 Sen. Laura Smith
09:25:31 Deputy Director Eric Strauss
09:27:48 Vice Presiding Officer Jimmy Patelis
09:28:14 Deputy Director Eric Strauss
09:36:10 Amy Tenney
09:41:14 Scott Twito
09:41:29 Amy Tenney
09:42:57 Vice Presiding Officer Jimmy Patelis
09:44:12 Amy Tenney
09:45:02 Sen. Barry Usher
09:45:44 Deputy Director Eric Strauss
09:58:51 Ross Canen
09:59:10 Deputy Director Eric Strauss
10:00:23 Scott Twito
10:01:07 Deputy Director Eric Strauss
10:04:03 Henry Seaton
10:04:18 Deputy Director Eric Strauss
10:05:08 Shantelle Gaynor
10:05:24 Deputy Director Eric Strauss

10:06:04 Vice Presiding Officer Jimmy Patelis
10:06:47 Deputy Director Eric Strauss
10:08:49 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
10:09:07 Henry Seaton
10:09:18 Deputy Director Eric Strauss
10:09:26 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

Public Comment

10:09:44 May Simmons, Lake County
10:10:07 Director Brian Gootkin joined the meeting.
10:11:52 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
10:12:03 Deputy Director Eric Strauss

FELONY PROBATION REVOCATION

10:12:14 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
10:13:00 Scott Twito
10:16:40 Sean Goeddel, Probation and Parole Division Bureau Chief, Department of Corrections (DOC)
10:19:12 Tara Kattell, Placement Unit Supervisor, DOC

Committee Questions / Discussion

10:21:02 Shantelle Gaynor
10:21:16 Sean Goeddel, DOC
10:23:25 Director Brian Gootkin
10:23:48 Tara Kattell, DOC
10:26:16 Sen. Laura Smith
10:26:39 Tara Kattell
10:28:29 Scott Twito
10:30:10 Tara Kattell
10:31:20 Sen. Barry Usher
10:31:29 Sean Goeddel
10:31:47 Sen. Laura Smith
10:32:24 Kylie Waldorf, Sergeant, Probation and Parole Division, DOC
10:32:49 Scott Twito
10:33:11 Sergeant Kylie Waldorf, DOC
10:35:27 Director Brian Gootkin

Public Comment

10:36:02 May Simmons, Lake County

Committee Questions / Discussion

10:38:37 Vice Presiding Officer Jimmy Patelis

10:39:36 Sean Goeddel
10:40:36 Judge Mark Dunn
10:41:42 Director Brian Gootkin
10:42:18 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

10:42:31 **Recessed**
10:57:42 **Reconvened**

Committee Questions / Discussion

10:58:00 Vice Presiding Officer Jimmy Patelis

FEDERAL AND STATE DEFINITIONS OF BODILY INJURY

Topic Introduction

10:58:15 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
10:58:21 Scott Twito

Impact for Federal 921 Prosecutions

11:01:28 Tim Tatarka, Appellate Chief, District of Montana US Attorney's Office
[EXHIBIT 14](#)
11:10:15 Scott Twito

Stakeholder Input

11:13:20 Ben Halverson, Domestic Violence Deputy City Attorney
11:15:17 Kelsen Young, Executive Director, Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV)

Committee Questions / Discussion

11:23:18 Sen. Barry Usher
11:23:46 Executive Director Kelsen Young, MCADSV
11:25:46 Rep. SJ Howell
11:27:22 Ben Halverson, Domestic Violence Deputy City Attorney
11:29:40 Scott Twito
(See Exhibit 14)
11:30:14 Tim Tatarka, District of Montana US Attorney's Office
11:32:15 Shantelle Gaynor
11:33:47 Sen. Barry Usher
11:34:06 Ben Halverson
11:36:49 Sen. Barry Usher
11:36:56 Executive Director Kelsen Young
11:39:34 Vice Presiding Officer Jimmy Patelis
11:40:19 Scott Twito

Public Comment

11:41:29 May Simmons, Lake County

INTEGRATED CORRECTIONAL PROGRAMMING MODEL (ICPM) UPDATE

11:44:44 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

11:45:14 Ray Antonsen, Program Services Manager, Department of Corrections (DOC)

Committee Questions / Discussion

11:47:43 Shantelle Gaynor

11:48:06 Ray Antonsen, DOC

11:48:29 Vice Presiding Officer Jimmy Patelis

11:49:12 Ray Antonsen

11:52:36 Scott Twito

11:52:53 Ray Antonsen

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11:55:09 Director Brian Gootkin

Public Comment

11:55:51 May Simmons, Lake County

11:56:42 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

11:57:15 **Recessed**

13:34:49 **Reconvened**

RESULTS OF THE AMERICAN CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION (ACA) AUDIT

13:34:50 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

13:35:02 Steven Hurd, Chairman, Montana Board of Pardons and Parole (MBPP)

Committee Questions / Discussion

13:39:28 Sen. Barry Usher

13:39:36 Steven Hurd, MBPP

13:44:07 Scott Twito

13:44:44 Steven Hurd

13:45:30 Director Brian Gootkin

13:46:00 Steven Hurd

13:47:00 Vice Presiding Officer Jimmy Patelis

13:49:27 Steven Hurd

Public Comment

13:52:56 May Simmons, Lake County

2025-2026 WORK DISCUSSION

13:56:06 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

13:56:29 Laura Sherley, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

[EXHIBIT 16](#)

Committee Questions / Discussion

14:00:13 Sen. Laura Smith
14:00:26 Laura Sherley, LSD
14:00:49 Director Brian Gootkin
14:01:19 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
14:01:26 Laura Sherley
14:02:01 Sen. Laura Smith
14:02:07 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

Public Comment

14:02:30 None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC WITHIN CJOC'S JURISDICTION**Written Public Testimony ([Attachment 3](#))**

14:02:58 May Simmons, Lake County

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

14:05:53 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
14:06:00 Sen. Laura Smith
14:07:59 Rep. SJ Howell
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14:40:40	Laura Sherley
14:40:47	Presiding Officer Amy Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 14:41:47