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JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL (JJSAC)
Department of Human Services, State of Hawai'i
Office of Youth Services

Juvenile Justice State Advisory Council
1st Quarter Video/Audio Meeting

Thursday, February 26, 2026
9:00AM-11:30AM

Hosted on Zoom
(Copy of minutes available upon request)

Members Present: Rick Collins (Chair), Delia Ulima (Vice-Chair), Judge Andrew Park, Dane Ka'ae, Misty Leigh Carter, Brandi Wakabayashi, Judge Gregory Meyers, Sarah Antone, Paul Tonnessen, Andrew Sabanal

Members Absent: Representative Amy Perruso, Adrienne Heely Caires, Malia Malufau

Members Excused: Shawn Kana'iaupuni, Lieutenant Geoffery Hicks

Guests Present: Matelina Aulava, Tori Ikeda

Staff Present: Shannessy Ahu, Mimari Hall, John Paekukui, Norene Machida

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<p>I. Opening Remarks Meeting protocol for audiovisual communication</p> <p>Establishment of quorum (8/15)</p>	<p>(9:02) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chair, Rick Collins • Sunshine Laws Reminders Quorum of board members must be visible to other members and the public during a remote meeting. Members' brief absence from view during a meeting, such as taking a five-minute restroom break, would not cause the board to lose quorum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • However, if a board member who is needed to meet the quorum requirement will be out of view for an extended period of time or will be absent during a vote, the board should call for a recess until quorum can be reestablished. • If the audio-visual connection is lost, the Sunshine Law requires the meeting to automatically recess for up to 30 minutes while the board attempts to restore the connection. If no connection is restored, the meeting will be cancelled and re-scheduled. • Quorum has been established 8/15. <p>Introductions of Members & Guest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Collins, JJSAC Chair, Substance Use Prevention Professional, Hawaii Public Health 			

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	<p>Institute, Maui</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah Antone, JJSAC Member, Division Administrator for Youth Services, Catholic Charities Hawaii, Oahu • Andrew Park, JJSAC Member, Judge, Family Court of the First Circuit, Oahu • Paul Tonnessen, JJSAC Member, Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee Member, Executive Director, Friends of the Children’s Justice Center, Maui • Misty Leigh Carter, JJSAC Member, Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee Member, President, Hui ‘Oihana, Native Hawaiian Chamber of Commerce. Hawaii • Brandi Wakabayashi, JJSAC Member, Department of Education, Alternative Learning, Oahu • Judge Gregory Meyers, JJSAC Member, Family Court, Fifth Circuit, Kauai • Andrew Sabanal, JJSAC Member, Youth Committee Chair, Youth Partner, EPIC OHANA, Oahu • Delia Ulima, JJSAC Vice-Chair, Executive Director, EPIC OHANA 			
<p>II. Consideration and Approval of Minutes for the following Meeting(s):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes for December 18, 2025 	<p>(9:08) R. Collins Consideration and approval of minutes for December</p>			

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(to be approved)	18, 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve minutes by P. Tonnessen. • Second by A. Park. • All in favor. 	Minutes for December 18, 2025, approved	Members	
III. Public Testimony and Written Testimonies Submitted: [Pursuant to section 92-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Community Members will have 3 mins. to speak, i.e., per person, per item, or written testimony can be submitted on agenda items]	(9:09) R. Collins <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No public testimony or written testimony received. 			
IV. New Business (open for discussion) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permitted Interaction Group Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discuss Committees to Administer Recommendations • Legislative Initiatives Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HB1626/SB2540 (Youth Penalties) ○ HB2369/SB2369 (True Cost) 	(9:10) R. Collins Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) Recommendation Report (copy available upon request) Discuss Committees to Administer Recommendations Current Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OYS needs additional time to review and provide input on the recommendations before JJSAC can move forward with implementation. Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Propose tabling the discussion until the next Executive Committee meeting scheduled for 			

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	<p>May 2026.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will consult with OYS leadership to gather their perspective and concerns. • This collaborative approach ensures that recommendations are practical and aligned with OYS operational capacity. <p>(9:12) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will move to Item VI. on the agenda and return to this after discussions. <p>(9:15) R. Collins Legislative Initiatives Update HB1626/SB2540 (Youth Penalties)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Executive Committee has been authorized by the JJSAC to approve legislative initiatives on behalf of JJSAC to ensure timely support. • However, the Executive Committee was unable to act due to lack of quorum, necessitating a full committee. • The bill aims to eliminate certain financial penalties imposed on youth in the justice system, which can create long-term economic hardship and barriers to successful reintegration. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Financial penalties on youth may include 	<p>Consult with OYS on PIG recommendations</p>	<p>Chair</p>	

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	<p>court fees, fines, restitution payments, and other costs that can burden families and create cycles of debt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cameron Clark of Debt Free Justice supports this legislation and asked the JJSAC to consider supporting this bill. <p>(9:19) A. Park Update on the Hawaii Judiciary’s position:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the prior years, the Initial position was to “support the intent and offer comment”. • Judiciary changed its position to support these bills and request a deferred implementation date by July 1, 2027. • The change from “offer and comment” to “Support” will hopefully move this bill forward as it’s been the 4th year in trying to make this law. <p>(9:20) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a motion for the JJSAC to support HB1626/SB2540 (Youth Penalties) • Motion to support HB1626/SB2540 approved by A. Park. • Second by A. Sabanal. 	<p>JJSAC voted to support HB1626/SB2540 (Youth Penalties)</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All in favor. <p>(9:21) R. Collins HB2369/SB2369 (True Cost)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This discussion is open for members to address. • The bill was introduced to the JJSAC by Representative Amy Perruso who is a member of JJSAC. • In discussions with colleagues, it was noted that the contracts established 20 years ago have not received any funding increases. <p>(9:22) A. Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a bill I submitted testimony on behalf of the Judiciary as it would fall under our operational administration side or Director. • Their position is to support the intent of the bill. • The intent is to better allow for the purchase of service contracts to meet the needs of the service providers' true cost with a percentage increase each year. • This change reflects the judiciary's commitment to the bill's goals while acknowledging practical implementation considerations such as system readiness, staff training, and procedural 			

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	<p>adjustments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <p>(9:23) G. Meyers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We struggle to get providers with the funds we have available. • Contracts are usually 3-5 years. • To build in cost inflations for providers to meet the needs of the judiciary for the people who come through the courtrooms. <p>(9:24) S. Antone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-based organizations serving justice-impacted youth rarely receive contract increases within the contract cycle. • These organizations face rising operational costs (staff salaries, rent, utilities, supplies) without corresponding funding increases. • This creates financial strain and threatens service sustainability. <p>(9:26) M. Aulava</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple state agencies serve justice-impacted youth, including the Judiciary, Department of Human Services (DHS), Office of Youth Services (OYS), Department of Health (DOH), Child & 			

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	<p>Adolescent Mental Health Division (CAMHD), and Department of Education (DOE).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding across these agencies needs a coordinated approach to ensure all youth-serving providers receive fair compensation regardless of which agency contracts with them. Risk of creating funding disparities or gaps between agencies, where some providers receive increases while others serving similar populations do not. <p>(9:29) A. Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For purposes of this discussion, HB2442 specifically requires the Judiciary to increase contract prices year by year based on the consumer price index (CPI) or inflation rates, ensuring that provider compensation keeps pace with economic realities. It does not impact or have any requirements for other departments or organizations such as OYS, DHS, or DOE. <p>(9:30) A. Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Move to authorize the JJSAC to support HB2369 that would call upon the Judiciary to do so and 	<p>JJSAC voted to support HB2369/SB</p>		

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	testimony.			
<p>V. Sub-Committee Reports & Update</p> <p>A. Executive Committee Last meeting 2.5.26, Next meeting 5.7.26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Discussion on how to work on PIG recommendations ○ Extended services to age 24 ○ Services for youth returning home to neighbor islands ○ Annual stakeholder summit <p>B. Compliance Committee Last meeting 2.17.26, Next meeting May 19, 2026</p> <p>C. Prevention & Accountability Committee (P&A) Last meeting 7.3.25, Next meeting 3.11.26</p> <p>D. Ethnic & Cultural Diversity Committee (ECD) Last meeting</p>	<p>(9:35) R. Collins Executive Committee Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Discussed recommendations from the Permitted Interaction Group (PIG) review of the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (NICJR) report, which conducted an assessment of Hawaii's juvenile justice system and provided recommendations for improvement. ● OYS needs additional time to review and provide input on the recommendations before JJSAC can move forward with implementation, ensuring that recommendations are practical and aligned with OYS operational realities. <p>Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Propose tabling the discussion until the next Executive committee meeting to allow adequate time for OYS consultation. ● Will consult with OYS leadership to gather their perspective and concerns, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assessment of which recommendations are feasible with current resources. ● Identification of recommendations requiring additional funding or 	<p>Consult with OYS on the perspective of the NICJR report to advise the JJSAC of the PIG recommendations</p>	<p>R. Collins</p>	

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<p>2.4.26, Next meeting 5.6.26</p> <p>E. Policy Committee, Last meeting 10.20.25, Next meeting TBD</p> <p>F. Youth Committee-Last meeting 1.29.26, Next meeting 4.15.26</p>	<p>legislative changes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline considerations for phased implementation. • Potential barriers or challenges to implementation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This collaborative approach ensures that recommendations are practical and aligned with OYS operational capacity, avoiding the adoption of well-intentioned but unrealistic goals. <p>3-Year State plans</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next 3-year state plan is due in 2027, establishing priorities and strategies for the next planning cycle. • This plan is required by Title II federal funding guidelines under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Review current goals and assess progress through data analysis and stakeholder feedback. ○ Identify emerging issues and priorities based on trends, research, and community needs. ○ Incorporate relevant PIG recommendations from the NICJR report. 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop measurable objectives and action steps with clear timelines and responsible parties. ○ Identify resource needs and potential funding sources. ○ Establish evaluation metrics to track progress and outcomes. ○ Committees should actively contribute content and ideas based on their expertise and community connections. ○ This ensures the plan reflects the council's priorities and expertise, not just staff perspectives. ○ Committee ownership increases buy-in and commitment to implementation. ○ It leverages the diverse expertise and perspectives of council members. ● Encouraged all committee Chairs to begin working on their respective sections of the plan, distributing the workload and ensuring comprehensive coverage. <p>JJSAC In-Person Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Does the JJSAC want another in-person meeting this fiscal year or table until next year? <p>(9:39) P. Tonnessen</p>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In a previous discussion about holding at least one in-person meeting annually to strengthen relationships and engagement, the JJSAC agreed to convene once a year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In-person meetings foster stronger relationships through face-to-face interaction and informal networking opportunities. ○ They enable deeper discussions without the technical limitations or distractions of virtual meetings. ○ They also provide opportunities for site visits to juvenile justice facilities, community programs, or service providers. ○ In-person meetings demonstrate commitment to community engagement and accessibility. <p>(9:40) M. Carter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In support of having in-person meetings. • Would like to consider expanding the Council's presence to neighbor islands. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beyond Oahu, where most state government activities are concentrated. • Offer to host the next in-person meeting on 			

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	<p>Hawaii Island.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many great programs to explore here and on all the neighbor islands. <p>(9:41) S. Ahu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This is possible, provided we have someone to work with in coordinating and securing a meeting space equipped with the appropriate technology. <p>(9:42) A. Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This aligns in the spirit of the NICJR recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The report emphasized the need to decentralize council activities from Oahu to ensure statewide representation. ● Neighbor islands face unique challenges including limited-service availability, geographic isolation, transportation barriers, and distinct community needs. ● Meetings on neighbor islands demonstrates commitment to statewide representation and ensures that neighbor island perspectives inform council decisions. ● It also provides opportunities to engage with local stakeholders, visit programs, 	<p>Schedule for in-person meeting on August 27, 2026, for JJSAC.</p>	<p>R. Collins/OYS</p>	

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	<p style="text-align: center;">and understand regional contexts.</p> <p>(9:44) G. Meyers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offered Kauai as either a backup location or future meeting site, showing multi-island support for decentralization. <p>(9:45) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target date: Around August 27th, 2026, allowing adequate time for planning and coordination. • Misty will work with Shannessy (OYS staff) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Secure an appropriate venue on Hawaii Island with adequate space, technology, and accessibility with the County of Hawaii or the University. ○ Develop an agenda that includes local site visits (detention facilities, community programs) or presentations from Hawaii Island stakeholders. ○ Coordinate with local juvenile justice stakeholders including Family Court, police, schools, and community organizations. ○ Arrange for any special accommodation 	<p>Schedule meeting with M. Carter to review meeting logistics.</p>	<p>OYS</p>	

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	<p>needed for people with disabilities or other needs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop a budget and secure funding for travel and meeting expenses. <p>(9:45) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Prevention and Accountability Committee and the Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee updates will be tabled until the next meeting ● Policy Committee last meeting was held in October 2025, during the peak period of legislative preparation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committee is more of an ad hoc committee, task-specific group formed to address legislation outside the scope of standing committees. ○ Typically increase meeting frequency during summer and fall months to prepare for the legislative session. ● The committee's work includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reviewing proposed legislation affecting juvenile justice. ○ Developing policy positions and recommendations. ○ Preparing testimony for legislative hearings. 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitoring bills throughout the session. ○ Coordinating with other stakeholders and advocacy organizations. ○ Once the JJSAC agenda for legislative bills have been discussed, then there isn't a need for the Committee to meet. <p>(9:47) J. Paekukui Compliance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2024 Compliance Status: Hawaii achieved full compliance with federal juvenile justice standards, meeting all core requirements under the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP A). ● 2025 Violations: 3 violations reported for the current year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● One incident involved a juvenile status offender held in a cell at the Honolulu Police Department (HPD). ● This single incident counted as two violations due to the nature and duration of the detention, possibly violating both the prohibition on secure detention of status offenders and the sight and sound separation requirement. ● Status offenders are youths charged with offenses that would not be crimes 			

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	<p>if committed by adults, such as truancy, running away from home, curfew violations, or underage alcohol possession.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Federal law generally prohibits placing status offenders in secure detention facilities to avoid criminalizing non-criminal behavior. • The Committee's role includes monitoring compliance, investigating violations, and recommending corrective actions to maintain federal funding requirements. <p>(9:49) A.Sabanal Youth Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met on January 29th but no quorum was established therefore the meeting continued as an informational only time. • Approximately 15 youth participated, demonstrating robust engagement and interest in juvenile justice issues • Successfully recruited 3 new youth members to the committee, expanding youth voice and representation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Geographic distribution- 2 new members on Oahu, 1 on Hawaii Island 			

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	<p>(Hilo), improving statewide representation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Coalition for Juvenile Justice in October <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Youth committee participated in a meeting with other youth committees from the western region including states like California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, and others. ○ This provides opportunities for peer learning and sharing best practices across states. ○ Helps Hawaii's youth members understand national juvenile justice trends and initiatives. ○ Build networks and relationships that can support ongoing youth leadership development. ○ Exposes Hawaii youth to different approaches and innovations from other jurisdictions. <p>(9:53) S. Ahu</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tori, who is a member of our Youth Committee, is representing Hawaii on the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Emerging Leaders 			

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	<p>Committee, a national leadership development program</p> <p>(9:54) T. Ikeda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meets every other week for planning and coordination, maintaining consistent engagement and momentum • Currently planning a youth summit to bring together young leaders from across the country for training, networking, and advocacy • Emphasized the critical importance of including Hawaii's unique cultural and geographic perspective in national juvenile justice conversations • Hawaii's island geography creates unique challenges for service delivery, family engagement, and system coordination • Hawaii's diverse population (Native Hawaiian, Asian, Pacific Islander, and other communities) offers valuable insights into culturally responsive practices • Hawaii's cultural traditions emphasizing family (ohana), community responsibility, and restorative practices 			

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	provide alternative models to mainland approaches			
VI. Office of Youth Services (OYS) Administration Updates	<p>(9:12) M. Hall Legislative Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OYS is actively tracking bills introduced in the 2026 legislative session • Several bills specifically name OYS as implementation partners or stakeholders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This requires OYS to prepare for potential new responsibilities and program expansions <p>Service Procurement Activities OYS is currently procuring multiple critical services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-based residential services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alternative placement options for youth outside of detention facilities • Outreach and advocacy services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Programs to connect with at-risk youth and provide support • Safe Spaces program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Secure, supportive environments for youth in crisis or transition 			

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	<p>Implementation Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any legislation passed will require: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Adequate planning time before implementation ○ Collaboration with partner agencies and community organizations ○ Resource allocation and staff training ○ Development of policies and procedures 			
<p>VII. Future Agenda Items and Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal of presentations • Opportunity for council members to raise questions or concerns for the consideration of future discussion • Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2 JJSAC Members to Attend 	<p>(9:59) R. Collins Proposal for presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please reach out if you have any proposals for future agenda items or presentations <p>(10:03) S. Ahu Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dates: May 27-30, 2026, providing a multi-day immersive experience • Location: Washington, D.C., the nation's capital and center of federal policymaking • Theme: "Bridges for Better Futures" - emphasizing connections and pathways to success • The theme emphasizes connections between systems (juvenile justice, education, mental 			

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	<p>health, child welfare), communities (families, neighborhoods, cultural groups), and opportunities (education, employment, civic engagement) for justice-involved youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conference brings together state advisory group members, juvenile justice professionals, youth leaders, and advocates from across the country <p>Conference Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The conference will include a dedicated Youth Summit track specifically designed for young leaders • This track provides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leadership development opportunities for young people, including workshops on public speaking, advocacy, and organizing • Peer networking with youth from other states, building relationships and sharing experiences • Skills training in advocacy and public speaking to amplify youth voice in policy discussions • Opportunities to influence national juvenile justice policy through direct engagement with federal officials and national organizations 			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mentorship from experienced youth advocates and adult allies • Recognition and celebration of youth leadership and achievements • Adult tracks typically include workshops on evidence-based practices, policy updates, system reform strategies, and collaborative approaches • OYS can support at least two JJSAC members to attend, demonstrating commitment to professional development and national engagement • Funding typically covers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference registration fees (usually several hundred dollars per person) • Airfare from Hawaii to Washington, D.C. (a significant expense given the distance) • Hotel accommodation for the duration of the conference • Per diem for meals and incidental expenses • Priority consideration may be given to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth members to participate in Youth Summit and represent Hawaii's young leaders • Members who have not previously 			

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	attended to expand the number of members with national conference experience			
<p>VIII. JJSAC FB Meetings FY:2025-2026 Meeting invites will be sent after each meeting to accept and save the date to your calendar.</p> <p>JJSAC FB Meetings FY:2025-2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, May 28, 2026 • Thursday, August 27, 2026 	<p>(10:05) R. Collins Next meeting for this fiscal year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday, May 28, 2026 • Thursday, August 27, 2026 			
IX. Closing Remarks and Adjournment	<p>(10:07)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:07 by R. Collins • Motion to adjourn the meeting by D.Ulima • Second by P. Tonnessen 			