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JUVENILE JUSTICE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Department of Human Services, State of Hawaii  
Office of Youth Services

Executive Committee  
1st Quarter Video/Audio Meeting  
Hosted on Zoom  
(Copy of audio link available upon request)

Thursday, February 5, 2026  
9:00AM-11:00AM

Members Present: Rick Collins (Chair), , Adrienne Heely Caires, Lt. Geoffery Hicks

Members Excused: Delia Ulima (Vice-Chair, Shawn Kana'iaupuni, Representative Amy Perrusso, Andrew Sabanal

Member Absent:

Guests Present:

Staff Present: Shannessy Ahu, Norene Machida

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<p>I. Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum</p> <p>Introduction of Members and Guest</p> <p>Establishment of Quorum (4/7)</p>	<p>(9:03)</p> <p>R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting called to order at 9:03 p.m. by Chair, Rick Collins</li> <li>• No quorum established, informational only discussions</li> <li>• Introduction of members and guests:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rick Collins, JJSAC Chair</li> <li>2. Adrienne Heely, JJSAC Member, Ethnic &amp; Cultural Diversity Chair</li> <li>3. Lt. Geoffery Hicks, JJSAC Member, Compliance Committee Chair</li> <li>4. Shannessy Ahu, Children &amp; Youth Specialist, Office of Youth Services</li> <li>5. Mimari Hall, Program Development Officer, Office of Youth Services</li> <li>6. John Paekukui, Compliance Monitor, Office of Youth Services</li> <li>7. Norene Machida-Office Assistant, Office of Youth Services</li> </ol> </li> </ul>			
<p>II. Consideration and approval of minutes for the following Meeting(s):</p> <p>May 1, 2025 -To Be Approved</p> <p>November 10, 2025- Informational Only</p>	<p>(9:10)</p> <p>R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consideration and approval of minutes for May 1, 2025 tabled until the next meeting</li> </ul>			

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<p>III. Public Testimony and Written Testimonies Submitted</p> <p>[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]</p>	<p>(9:11) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No public testimonies recorded or received by the Office of Youth Services</li> </ul>			

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<p>IV. Old Business: (open for discussion)</p> <p>Draft of Budget for JJSAC (attached): Review and Approve</p>	<p>(1:12) R. Collins Draft of Budget for JJSAC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total JJSAC budget: \$20,000</li> <li>• Current allocation for youth stipends: \$4,200 (for 7 youth members)</li> <li>• Active youth members: Only 2 currently active</li> <li>• Recent youth committee attendance: Approximately 15 young people, with 13 attending in person from Kinai'Eha</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion Points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>R. Collins</b> initiated the budget discussion, highlighting the significant increase in youth participation at recent committee meetings. He noted that with approximately 15 young people attending, the budget implications would be substantial since youth receive stipends for their participation.</li> <li>• <b>S. Ahu</b> confirmed the attendance numbers and provided specific details about the in-person participation from Kinai Eha, emphasizing the growing engagement from youth members.</li> </ul> <p><b>Strategic Decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rather than approving the budget immediately, Rick Collins proposed a monitoring approach to accommodate potential new youth members.</li> <li>• This decision reflects the committee's commitment to prioritizing youth participation and ensuring adequate resources are available for stipends as more young people join JJSAC.</li> </ul>			

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<p>V. New Business (open for discussion)</p> <p>JJSAC Full-Body Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development for February 26, 2026 meeting</li> <li>• Permitted Interaction Group Recommendations</li> </ul> <p>Committee Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive</li> <li>• Ethnic &amp; Cultural Diversity</li> <li>• Prevention &amp; Accountability</li> <li>• Compliance</li> <li>• Youth</li> <li>• Policy</li> </ul> <p>Review and Clarify Legislative Advocacy Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review Potential</li> </ul>	<p>(9:19) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will move to item VI. on the agenda and return to this when quorum is established.</li> </ul> <p>(9:25) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permitted Interaction Group Recommendations</li> </ul> <p>(9:26) A. Heely</p> <p><b>Services for Youth Transitioning to Home Islands</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strongly supported recommendations addressing the needs of youth transitioning back to their home islands from the Hawaii Youth Correctional Facility (HYCF) on Oahu. This reflects a critical gap in the current system where youth from neighbor islands face unique challenges when returning home.</li> <li>• Challenge: Youth from neighbor islands often lack adequate support services when transitioning from HYCF</li> <li>• Need: Coordinated services that bridge the gap between institutional care and community reintegration</li> <li>• Goal: Ensure continuity of care regardless of geographic location</li> </ul> <p>(9:40) G. Hicks</p> <p><b>Extended Services for Ages 18-24</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised important concerns about the feasibility and funding of extending services to young adults ages 18-24. He suggested exploring innovative approaches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Examining how adult facilities could adapt certain</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>JJSAC AGENDA: Add presentation by the P&amp;A Committee on results of the Provider Survey</p>	<p>R. Collins/S. Kana'iaupuni</p>	

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<p>Bills to Support in 2026 Legislature</p> <p>JJSAC Membership &amp; Recruitment</p> <p>Executive Committee Charter (attached) Review and last recommended changes</p>	<p>services for transitioning youth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Identifying funding sources for extended age services</li> <li>○ Addressing legal requirements for separating minors from adults in residential settings</li> <li>○ Developing age-appropriate programming that bridges juvenile and adult systems</li> </ul> <p>(9:42) R. Collins</p> <p><b>Summit Recommendation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Appreciated the PIG's third recommendation for a summit, noting how the group effectively broke down goals into short-term and long-term objectives. A summit could serve as a platform for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bringing together stakeholders from across the state</li> <li>○ Sharing best practices and innovative approaches</li> <li>○ Building consensus on priority areas for improvement</li> <li>○ Developing collaborative action plans</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Implementation Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The committee discussed practical approaches to implementing the PIG recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Incorporating recommendations into existing committees rather than creating new subcommittees</li> <li>○ Presenting recommendations at the full JJSAC meeting for broader input and potential action</li> <li>○ Ensuring close collaboration with the Office of Youth Services (OYS) for implementation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		<p>S. Kana'iaupuni</p> <p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Considering the youth committee as a venue for addressing some recommendations</li> <li>○ The committee recognized that successful implementation will require balancing ambitious goals with practical constraints, including funding limitations and legal requirements.</li> </ul> <p>(9:46) A Heely Ethnic &amp; Cultural Diversity Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Will be meeting quarterly</li> </ul> <p>(9:47) Compliance Committee G. Hicks</p>			
<p>VI. Announcements:</p> <p>Coalition of Juvenile Justice 2026 Annual Conference, May 27-30, 2026</p>	<p>(9:20) S. Ahu</p> <p><b>Conference Details</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>●Dates: May 27-30, 2026</li> <li>●Opportunity: At least two JJSAC members can attend</li> <li>●Location: To be announced</li> </ul> <p>(9:23) M. Hall</p>			

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	<p><b>Conference Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mimari shared valuable insights from last year's conference experience, highlighting several key benefits:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Networking opportunities with juvenile justice professionals from across the nation</li> <li>○ Educational sessions on current trends and best practices in juvenile justice</li> <li>○ Meetings with congressional representatives to advocate for juvenile justice issues</li> <li>○ Exposure to innovative programs and policy approaches from other states</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(9:25) R. Collins</p> <p><b>Selection Priorities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suggest establishing clear priorities for selecting attendees:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Members who are actively involved in committee work and can bring back actionable insights</li> <li>○ Youth members who might not otherwise have funding opportunities to attend such conferences</li> <li>○ Active committee chairs who can leverage conference learnings in their leadership roles</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(9:24) S. Ahu</p> <p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shannessy will announce the conference opportunity at the next full JJSAC meeting</li> <li>• Interested members should email Shannessy to express their interest</li> <li>• Selection will be based on active participation and</li> </ul>			

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	<p style="text-align: center;">potential impact</p> <p>(9:25) R. Collins We will return to Item V. of the agenda</p>			
VII. Future Agenda Items: (Open for Discussion)	<p>(9:49) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This will be kept for future agenda discussions</li> </ul>			
VII. Next Meeting for FY 2025-2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• May 7, 2026</li> <li>• August 6, 2026</li> <li>• November 5, 2026</li> </ul>	<p>(9:50) R. Collins</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect with Norene to schedule another executive committee meeting before the legislative session ends (deadline: before May 3rd)</li> </ul>	Schedule Executive Committee Meeting before May 3, 2026		
VIII. Adjournment	<p>(9:50)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 9:50am by R. Collins</li> <li>• No quorum established</li> </ul>			