

**Interstate Commission for Juveniles (ICJ)**  
**South Dakota State Council Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2026, at 2:00 PM CST**  
**Held via Teams**

**PRESENT:** Honorable Heidi Linngren, 7<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Judge; Representative Bethany Soye; Nick Lamb, Secretary of the Department of Corrections; Amy Carter, Helpline Center, Victim Representative; Geody VanDewater, Sturgis Police Department; Charles Frieberg, ICJ Commissioner for South Dakota; Kathy Christenson, ICJ Deputy Compact Administrator for South Dakota.

**ABSENT:** Jamie Gravett, Minnehaha County Juvenile Detention Center Director; Kristi Bunkers, Director of Juvenile Services with the Department of Corrections; Sara Sheppick, Deputy Director of Child Protection for the Department of Social Services (ICPC).

**1. Call Meeting to Order – Chair Judge Linngren**

Judge Linngren called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm (CST).

**2. Roll Call – Cheryl Frost, SD Interstate Compact Coordinator**

Judge Linngren conducted roll call.

**3. Review & Approve September 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Geody VanDewater made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2025 meeting as submitted. Amy Carter seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**4. 2025 ICJ Annual Report – Chuck Frieberg**

Chuck explained that a link was provided for the ICJ Annual Report. Chuck provided some statics from the report about transfers in and out of South Dakota and broke it down between probation and parole cases.

**5. Public Notice of Revisions to Pending Rule Amendment (1-301A) – Chuck Frieberg**

A public notice that the National Office sent out concerning a Pending Rule Amendment was provided. Chuck explained that the notice was informing everyone that some word smithing was needed to make the Amendment read correctly.

**6. Schedule Next Meeting (August 2026) – Chair Judge Linngren**

Chuck will send out a doodle poll with several dates in August for the meeting.

**7. Adjourn – Chair Judge Linngren**

Geody VanDewater made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Charles Frieberg seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Chair Judge Linngren adjourned the meeting at 2:15 pm CSO.

Respectfully submitted by Cheryl F. Frost, Interstate Compact Coordinator