



Lake County Juvenile Justice Council Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2026 at 2 pm

Meeting was recorded

Participants:

Karen Levi, Lake County State's Attorney's Office
Sean Collins, Lake County Regional Office of Education
Michele Esser, Lake County Health Department
Courtney Curry, Lake County Regional Office of Education
Kate Stienberg, Interfaith Chaplain
Cristina Thornton, Lake County Health Department
Molly Ryan, CYN Counseling
Gayle Nelson, A Safe Place
Dave Franco, Chicago City Colleges
Veronica Williams, Mother's Against Wrongful Convictions
Linsay Hale, Lake County Juvenile Justice Coordinator

Meeting:

Call to order at 2:00 pm

1. Introductions
2. Linsay Hale presented "Lake County's Juvenile Justice Council: Where We've Been; Where We Are; Where We're Going" (Presentation Attached)
 - a. Review Illinois Statute 705 ILCS 405/6-12 Juvenile Justice Councils
 - b. Review IDHS Juvenile Justice Council Grant Funding/Parameters
 - c. Review Draft Bylaws (attached)

Action Item: Determine whether to recommend approval of Lake County Juvenile Justice Council bylaws as drafted to the LCJJC Board.

LCJJC members present voted to recommend approval of the LCJJC Bylaws to the Board by unanimous consent.

3. Questions/Suggestions/Comments
 - a. Youth representation on the LCJJC Board and the formation of a Youth Advisory Board was discussed.
 - b. The election of a LCJJC Chair/Vice Chair was discussed as an action item for the next meeting.
4. Survey to be sent to LCJJC members to determine July meeting date/time.
5. Adjourned at 2:50 pm