HENNEPIN COUNTY
MINNESOTA

Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 22, 2026 | 12-1:30 pm
Location: Government Center – C-1291 Amdahl Conference Room

Committee Members/Representatives Present

Eric Werner, Jeffrey Lunde, Mary Moriarty, Marion Greene, Pat Enderlein (proxy), Chela Guzman-Wiegert, Michael Berger, Leah Kaiser, Mary Ellen Heng, Lisa Bayley, John Freude (proxy), Kerry Meyer, Todd Fellman, Hilary Caligiuri, Sara Gonsalves, Jennifer Cross (proxy), Julie Maas-Kusske, Joseph Dotseth, David Bernstein (proxy), Kevin Anderson (new member).

Staff: Jackie Braun-Lewis, Susan Winterfield Thompson, Liz Mohr.
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5 minutes I Roll Call & Old Business
Lead: Chief Werner, CJCC Chair

- The meeting was called to order.
- Roll call was taken, and a quorum was present.
- Approved November minutes.
- Welcomed committee to the first meeting, chair acknowledged community impacts and thanked members for leadership during challenging times.
- Reviewed housekeeping: meeting logistics and holding questions until end of the presentation.
- Welcomed new member, Commissioner Anderson.
- Introduced speakers and transitioned to presentation.

60 minutes | Presentation: Artificial Intelligence in Law Enforcement (AI)
Presenters

- ❖ **Jonathan Lewin**, Deputy Chief of Support Services, University of Chicago Police Department
  Rich Littlehale, Assistant Director for Technology and Innovation, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation
  Don Zoufal, President of CrowZnest Consulting, Inc.

The presentation introduced Artificial Intelligence (AI) and its growing relevance in the criminal justice system, focused on foundational concepts, generative AI, and implications for public safety.
Key points

- **AI Basics:** What AI is, how it differs from traditional technologies, and related ethical considerations.

- **Strategy:** Responsible adoption, with transparency, and human oversight.
- **Policy and Governance:** Emerging federal/state guidance, risk frameworks, and legislative trends.
- **Future Planning:** Governance, compliance r, and long-term integration aligned with public trust and legal standards.

AI offers efficiency and effectiveness gains, but its use must be guided by ethics, legal compliance, and strong governance.

5 Wrap-up and next steps
Lead: Chief Werner, CJCC Chair

Committee Discussion & Highlights
Emphasized need for human oversight and review to address AI errors. Raised concerns about governance, accountability, and alignment with existing rules and legal expectations. Noted importance of data handling and security, including where AI processes and stores information. Discussed operational impacts, such as workload, staffing, and system-wide processes. Expressed interest in ongoing dialogue to support shared understanding and responsible decision-making.

2026 CJCC Meetings

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In Person	In Person	In Person	In Person	Virtual at 8am start