

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

### Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 13, 2025 | 8-9:30 am

**Location:** Virtual

#### **Committee Members/Representatives Present**

Jeffrey Lunde, Eric Werner, Chela Guzman-Wiegert, Mary Moriarty, Leah Kaiser, Mary Ellen Heng, Lisa Bayley, Michael Rainville, John Freude (proxy), Kerry Meyer, Hilary Caligiuri, Todd Fellman, Nikki Appelbaum, Geoffrey Isaacman (proxy), David Bernstein (proxy), Dawanna Witt, Jason Nelson, Joeseeph Dotseth, Emily Olson (proxy), Qannani Omar (proxy), Laura Hoffman-Boyer (proxy).

Staff: Jackie Braun-Lewis, Susan Winterfield Thompson, Liz Mohr.

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#### **5 minutes I Roll Call & Old Business**

*Lead: Commissioner Lunde, CJCC Chair*

- The meeting was called to order.
- Roll Called – Quorum achieved.
- October meeting minutes were approved

#### **2026 Chair and Vice Chair Election Results**

*Lead: Susan Winterfeld Thompson, Senior Strategic Planning Consultant*

- Chief Werner was confirmed as the elected Chair of the CJCC by membership vote from the City of Minneapolis, suburban cities, and specialty law enforcement agencies for a two-year term beginning January 2026.
- Commissioner Lunde was elected Vice-Chair by Hennepin County members for a two-year term beginning January 2026.

#### **2026 CJCC Meeting Dates**

*Lead: Susan Winterfeld Thompson, Senior Strategic Planning Consultant*

- Beginning in 2026, meetings will be held in person on the 3rd floor of the C-Tower at Hennepin County, in Room 1291 (Amdahl Conference Room). The committee expressed appreciation to its judicial partners for providing secure space for the meetings. Members were advised to monitor meeting invitations for future location updates.
- Meetings are currently scheduled for the following dates in 2026.

Thursdays noon – 1:30 PM					
Jan 22nd	Mar 12th	May 21st	July 23rd	Oct 1st	Nov 12th

## **Intergovernmental Relations / Budget**

*Lead: Commissioner Lunde, CJCC Chair & Liz Young, Director Hennepin County Intergovernmental Relations*

- Commissioner Lunde reported that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners continues work reviewing use of the ballpark sales tax, including implications for county obligations and potential repurposing strategies.
- Budget outlook for 2026 was discussed. Emphasis on state/county coordination and anticipated legislative topics due to budget shortfalls were discussed.
- Reinforcement of the county's ongoing commitment to public safety partnerships, noting several operational and fiscal dependencies between agencies.
- Director of Intergovernmental Relations provided an overview of state-level activities, highlighting expected areas of legislative focus and opportunities for alignment with CJCC goals.

## **Chair Elect 2026 Mission Vision**

*Lead: Chief Werner, CJCC Vice-Chair*

- Chair Elect Werner, shared direction for the 2026 CJCC and alignment with CJCC's mission and vision was reviewed, emphasizing:
  - A broader strategy for agency collaboration, particularly in areas of technology modernization, data sharing, system efficiencies, and community-facing service improvements.
  - Interest in exploring AI-assisted operational tools in nuanced, responsible, and ethical ways.
  - Updates on departmental progress since the previous meeting, including internal reviews, training improvements, and upgraded inspection cycles.
  - Positive feedback from the IACP Conference, noting increased national collaboration and visibility for Minneapolis and Hennepin County leadership.

## **Open Forum Information Sharing**

*Lead: Commissioner Lunde, CJCC Chair*

- Coordination Between Courts, Defense, and Custody:
  - The committee discussed ongoing workload pressures and reaffirmed the need for improved coordination and clearer communication between the court processes, defense services, and detention operations.
- Operational Pressures & Facility Management Needs:
  - Updates were shared regarding staffing shortages, transport demands, and facility-capacity considerations. The committee emphasized the importance of timely information exchange and expressed appreciation for cross-agency support on urgent operational matters.

- Compliance, Readiness, and System-Wide Challenges:
  - The committee reviewed current inspection cycles, department readiness activities, and common system challenges such as staffing levels and aging infrastructure. Members highlighted the continuing value of close interagency collaboration.
- Data-Sharing Progress & Follow-Up Coordination:
  - Additional updates were provided regarding data-sharing improvements, ongoing follow-up items tied to earlier agenda topics, and the importance of raising emerging issues promptly to ensure coordinated solutions.

### **Wrap-up and next steps**

*Lead: Commissioner Lunde, CJCC Chair*

- Highlighting the substantial amount of cross-agency work underway and reaffirming the CJCC's commitment to supporting shared priorities.
- Reminder next CJCC meeting is scheduled for January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Amdahl Conference room at 12 PM.
- Meeting was adjourned.