

**MINUTES OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL (CJCC) MEETING**

JUNE 15, 2026 AT 12:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Daniel Bryant-Chief Judge-12th JDC

Chief Judge Daniel Bryant commenced the meeting at 12:03 PM:

Present:

12th JDC: ☒ Angie Schneider, District Court Judge, Div. IV, ☐ Denise LeDoux, TCAA, ☒ Daniel Bryant, Chief Judge, Div. III, ☐ Vicki Moran, TCAA, ☐ Lori Gibson Willard, District Court Judge, Div. II, ☐ Andrea Carrillo, TCAA, ☐ John Sugg, District Court Judge, Div. V, ☒ Rachel Skinner, TCAA, ☒ Stephen Ochoa, District Court Judge, Div. I, ☐ Kaitlan Ruckel, TCAA, ☒ Audrey Hukari, CEO, ☐ Jane Granier, Hearing Officer, ☒ S. Diane Medina, Court Manager, ☒ Sylvia Zamora, Court Supervisor, ☒ Amanda Edwards, Project Manager, ☒ Maureen Schmittle, Program Manager, ☒ Donnell Bryant, Pretrial Supervisor, ☒ Phil Hefter, Court Services Manager, ☐ Jeremy Domingo, IT Specialist, ☒ Bobbie Shearer, Program Manager
Magistrate Court: ☒ Brittany Aguilar, Court Manager, ☒ Katie Lund, Lincoln County Magistrate Judge, Div. II, ☐ Melanie Zamora, Court Manager, ☐ A. Richard Greene, III, Otero County Magistrate Judge, Div. II, ☒ Mickie Vega, Lincoln County Magistrate Judge, Div. I, ☐ John Secrest, Otero County Magistrate Judge, Div. I, ☒ Alyssa Orona, Court Manager; ☐ Cynthia Herrera, Lincoln County Court Clerk
LOPD: ☐ Bennett Baur, Chief Public Defender, ☐ Dayna Jones, District Public Defender, ☒ Joel Lobo, Otero Managing Attorney, ☐ Rachel Sutherland, Lincoln Managing Attorney, ☐ James Walker, Public Defender, ☐ Haashir Lakhani, Public Defender, ☐ Zoe Psiakis, Public Defender ☐ Shane Brill, ☐ Michelle Hailey, ☒ Katina Slaughter ☐ Karina Rodriguez, ☐ Cynthia Cairns, ☐ Deena Daniel, ☐ Kacey Taylor, ☐ Anthony Spaulding, ☐ Kelly Deer, ☐ Steph Guerra, ☐ KC Quirk, ☐ Ashley Ventura, ☐ Lindsey Cerny, ☐ Stefany Foreman
District Attorney's Office: ☐ Ryan Suggs, District Attorney, ☒ Hannah Burleson, Office Manager, ☒ Michael Heitz, Chief Deputy District Attorney; ☒ Michael Tighe, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Private Bar: ☒ Erin Atkins, ☐ Gary Mitchell, ☐ Jonathan Miller, ☐ Jeff Van Keulen, ☐ Todd Holmes
County, City and Village: ☐ Alan Morel, ☐ Ira Pearson, ☐ Pamela Heltner, ☐ RB Nichols, ☐ Perry Lawson, ☐ Gary Freedman, ☐ Nadia Sikes, ☐ Ashley Smith, ☐ Amy Barela
Law Enforcement and Detention: ☐ David Black, Otero County Sheriff, ☐ Geraldine Martinez, Tularosa Police Chief, ☐ Michael Wood, Lincoln County Sheriff, ☐ Martin Cook, OCDC, ☐ William Smith, OCDC, ☐ Ross Castleton, LCDC, ☐ Sean Jett, Otero County Undersheriff, ☐ Scott Colvin, LCDC, ☐ Randy Spear, Capitán Police Chief, ☐ David Kunihiro, Alamogordo Police Chief, ☐ Steven Minner, Ruidoso Police Chief, ☐ Ian Daugherty, LCSO Undersheriff, ☐ LT Orlando Ayers, ☐ LT Raymond Brown, ☒ Capt. Jay Blakeney, NM State Police, ☐ OCSO, ☐ Lorena Hemphill, OCDC, ☐ Johnna Arredondo, OCDC; ☐ Deputy Reyes, OCSO
Probation: ☐ Carolyn Casillas, ☐ S.A. Castro, ☐ Peter Sanders, ☒ Samantha Monroy, ☒ Sergio Castro, ☐ Juanita Jaye Arellano, ☐ Matthew Skinner
Behavioral Health: ☐ Jeanette Borunda, ☐ Denise Williams (Kimmie Jordan's Office), ☐ Dr. Bronwyn Neeser (Hive Consulting)
Other: ☒ Courtney Baxter, ☒ Faustino Miranda, ☒ Erica Diaz

1. DISTRICT COURT

- **Treatment Court Alumni:** (Maureen Schmittle)
 - I'm the treatment court manager. Want to introduce Faustino Miranda and Erica Diaz. Graduate alumni of the Treatment Court Program. Judge Vega, Tina (co-worker) and I attended the Alumni Summit last month in Bernalillo. Very impactful, eye-opening, training in professional development. Had several alumni from the 12th Judicial District in attendance and participating in this event. Several were speakers and presenters. The summit has occurred every year for the past four years. Wanted to invite the alumni to come and speak to the CJCC and share about their alumni experience. Extremely supportive of other alumni and current participants. Have a very active alumni group. Several others were invited but unable to make it due to the timing. Want to invite them to our August meeting. By then will have been to the All-Rise conference in Tennessee in July.
 - ❖ Faustino Miranda and Erika Diaz present.
 - ❖ Maureen Schmittle: Thanks presenters. Want everyone to know just how impactful it was to attend the Alumni Summit. Think next one is two years out. Will let everyone know about it. Was an amazing learning opportunity for me. Want to thank the alumni for what they bring to the program. Data shows that in treatments where alumni are involved and participants go to alumni programs, there is a much lower recidivism level. Something like 25-30% difference. At previous job at NMDOH would see them out at events all the time. Really putting time and effort back into their communities. Want to really thank them. Many of folks graduated, go on to become professionals helping other people in the field. Want to share that there were delegates selected among NM alumni. Either 11 or 13 people who will be going to All-Rise, paid for by AOC. Of that delegation two of them are from the 12th Judicial District. Believe that speaks very highly of our active alumni here. Both from Lincoln County. Would like to invite them if there is room on the agenda in August to share about their experience at the All-Rise conference.
 - ❖ Judge Bryant: Will make sure to get them on the September agenda in order to catch them on their way back. The alumni programs are incredibly valuable. Both gave a lot of credit to the treatment court group and participants. The people that are doing the work are you guys. Your taking control of your life and doing the work and staying sober. Here in the 12th dedicated to the entire spectrum of specialty courts. Will continue to develop and grow those programs as we see the need. Thank you for being with us.
 - ❖ Judge Vega: Want to express my thanks to Faustino and Ericka. Did have an opportunity to go to the summit. It was amazing. Recommend any judge to go to those if they have availability on their calendar. Very impactful.
- **Announcements:** (Audrey Hukari)
 - Groundbreaking ceremony was Saturday for the new district court in Alamogordo. Was a wonderful celebration with the county folks and a lot of people that came out from the community. Very excited to be moving forward in that process. Appreciated the words, Judge Schneider, Judge Counts and Justice Vargas got to share on behalf of the court. As well as Pamala Helpner and Commissioner Marquart on behalf of the country. Have a long road ahead of us but we're moving in the right direction.
 - End of fiscal year, wrapping up 2026 and moving into 2027. No major changes for 2027 that I see on the horizon for now.

2. MAGISTRATE COURT

- **Personnel changes** (Audrey Hukari)
 - Losing Alyssa our court manager. Have hired Elizabeth Shelly to step in. Have double filed position right now so Alyssa is training Liz on everything she knows so operations continue smoothly. Do ask everyone to bear with us because change is hard and give our staff a little bit of grace as they are getting up to speed with everything.

3. MUNICIPAL COURT

- Nothing to report.

4. LOPD

- Nothing to report.

5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- Nothing to report.

6. PRIVATE BAR

- Nothing to report.

7. COUNTY/CITY and VILLAGE

- No parties present.

8. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DETENTION

- Nothing to report.

9. PROBATION

- Nothing to report.

10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- No parties present.

11. OTHER

- Nothing to report.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM