

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

SEPTEMBER 21, 2026 AT 12:00 P.M.

Chairperson: Daniel Bryant-Chief District Judge-12th JDC

Honorable Daniel Bryant commenced the meeting at 12:02 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-Thompson, 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: ☒ Katie Lund, Lincoln County Magistrate Judge, Div. II, ☒ Brittany Aguilar, Court Manager, ☒ Mickie Vega, Lincoln County Magistrate Judge, Div. I, ☒ Melanie Zamora, Court Manager, ☒ John Secrest, Otero County Magistrate Judge, Div. I, ☒ Joseph Cutts, Otero County Magistrate Judge, Div. II, ☐ Elizabeth Sheele, 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, ☐ Jessica Navarro, ☐ Elizabeth Zellhart
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
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:

1. DISTRICT COURT

- **Ruidoso Pro Bono Event:** (Audrey Hukari)
 - This Saturday is the Ruidoso Pro Bono event. Been some changes that allows government attorneys to participate more meaningfully. Rachel is online can get any questions or comments to Judge Sugg. Looking forward to a great event this weekend.
 - ❖ Rachel Skinner: Have everything we need. We're good to go.
- **Welcome Judge Cutts:** (Judge Bryant)
 - Want to welcome you aboard on CJCC. Scheduled at 3 o'clock today for the Judge's investiture. Will be at the Magistrate Court in Alamogordo. Know a number of you are planning on attending, we appreciate that. We will see everyone there at 3 o'clock.
 - ❖ Audrey Hukari: 3:00PM for Judges, 3:30PM for everyone else.
 - ❖ Judge Cutts: Hope to see you all today. Happy to be aboard and looking forward to working with all of you.

2. MAGISTRATE COURT

- Nothing to Report.

3. MUNICIPAL COURT

- No parties present

4. LOPD

- **Competency Diversion:** (Dayna Jones)
 - Competency Diversion team has been working with CHRISTUS Behavioral Health with Dr. Duncan. He is willing to do petitions for treatment guardians. Has been a massive missing piece of being about to help people here in the 12th. Just wanted to share that there is a partnership or cooperation. Not something Defense can petition for but some of our clients actually want that help and need that help. Wanted to share that because I think it's something that is very much needed and something the hospital has agreed to help with.
 - ❖ Judge Bryant: Bumped into that in one of my cases the other day. Thought it was a great suggestion and I feel like it's going to work really well. Pleased that the hospital was willing to step up in that way.

5. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

- Nothing to report.

6. PRIVATE BAR

- No parties present.

7. COUNTY/CITY and VILLAGE

- No parties present.

8. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND DETENTION

- No parties present.

9. PROBATION

- Nothing to report.

10. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- No parties present.