



**Interstate Commission for Adult Offender Supervision
Midwest Region Meeting MINUTES
May 4, 2026 • 1 PM ET • Teleconference**

Members in Attendance:

1. Amy Vorachek (ND), Chair
2. Melissa Smith (IL)
3. Chris Biehn (IN)
4. Simona Hammond (IA)
5. Megan Milner (KS)
6. Russell Marlan (MI)
7. Tracy Hudrlik (MN)
8. Katrina Ransom (OH)
9. Bradley Lewandowski (SD)
10. Joselyn López (WI)

Members not in Attendance:

1. Jacey Rader (NE)

Guests:

1. Holly Kassube (IL)
2. Fareeda Washington (KS)
3. Daryn Cobb (MI)
4. Sally Reinhardt-Stewart (NE)
5. Susan Penner (NE)
6. Alyssa Miller (ND)
7. April Simmons (IN)
8. Brittany Thomas (OH)
9. Sarah Spader (SD)
10. Chuck Frieberg (SD)
11. Brenna Kojis (WI)

Staff

1. Ashley Lippert, Executive Director
2. Barno Saturday, Logistics Coordinator
3. Mindy Spring, Operations Manager
4. Drake Greeott, Web Development Manager
5. Suzanne Brooks, Education & Implementation Manager
6. Xavier Donnelly, System Manager

Call to Order

Chair A. Vorachek (ND) called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM ET. Ten out of eleven commissioners were in attendance. A quorum was established.

Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A motion by Commissioner C. Bien (IN) to approve the meeting's agenda was adopted.

A motion by Commissioner C. Bien (IN) to approve the meeting's minutes from January 13, 2026, was adopted.

Discussion

New Commission Website & User Accounts: Executive Director A Lippert presented updates on the Commission's new website, highlighting improved navigation, state information directories, and the addition of two factor authentication options.

INSITE Launch Update: Executive Director A Lippert reported that Phase 1 has been delivered, with user acceptance testing beginning next week and a system launch scheduled for November 2. The User Acceptance Testing is starting this week. States are invited to provide feedback on launch concerns through a new form and upcoming office hours.

RNR Pilot Outcomes Results: Chair A. Vorachek (ND) shared the results and successful outcomes of the RNR pilot to test the violation response tool and its effectiveness for decision-making regarding retaking and case handling.

Executive Director A. Lippert explained that the RNR workgroup had made improvements to the Violation Response Tool, including refining and reducing the number of stability questions. She encouraged states to try out the tool on the Commission website.

2026 Rule Proposals: Chair A. Vorachek and Commissioner T. Hudrlik (MN) informed the region about the 2026 rule proposals posted for comment. In addition, the Rules Committee has scheduled a town hall on June 1, 2026, to provide an opportunity for informal discussion of the proposals.

Updated Administrative Policies: Executive Director A. Lippert stated that Executive Committee approved the following changes to several commission policies - the travel reimbursement policy was revised to cover 100% of travel days to and from meetings. The training and technical assistance policy was simplified to make it more streamlined for states seeking support. The record retention and destruction policy was updated to incorporate closed minutes procedures and replace references to "ICOTS" with "electronic information system."

Executive Director A. Lippert highlighted significant changes to the Code of Conduct and Compliance policy, which consolidated four separate compliance policies and added timeframes for informal resolution and escalation procedures. She noted that the Compliance Committee is reviewing Rules Chapter 6 to identify any necessary compliance-related updates.

2026 ABM Agenda: Chair A. Vorachek (ND) stated that the Executive Committee approved the ABM Workgroup's recommended agenda for the 2026 Annual Business Meeting.

Commissioner J. López (WI) shared the agenda with the region. The agenda includes discussions on rule changes, violation response tools, and the INSITE system. The meeting will offer opportunities for networking, including border meetings with partnering states. She noted that the meeting will focus on moving from development to implementation, with hands-on sessions, system demonstrations, and discussions aimed at supporting consistent application across states.

Commission Awards Nominations: Chair A. Vorachek (ND) asked the region members to nominate their peers for the commission awards: the Executive Director Award, the Peyton Tuthill Award, and the Spirit of the Compact Award. The nomination deadline is July 1, 2026.

DCA Region Meeting Update: DCA A. Miller (ND) and DCA H. Kassube (IL) shared that the DCA Liaison Committee last met in March, the committee is focusing on DCA engagements and communication. The Midwest Region DCAs will be meeting in the upcoming months.

Old/New Business

There was no old/new business.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 PM ET.

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