

# HENNEPIN COUNTY

## MINNESOTA

### Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** July 23, 2026 | 12-1:30 pm

**Location:** Government Center – C-1291 Amdahl Conference Room

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

Eric Werner, Jeff Lunde, Kevin Anderson, Eli Farhat (proxy), Mary Moriarty, Dawanna Witt, Chela Guzman-Wiegert, Mike Berger, Leah Kaiser, Mary Ellen Heng, Lisa Bayley, John Freude (proxy), Leslie Silette (proxy), Michael Rainville, Jamison Whiting, Kristyn Anderson, Kerry Meyer, Angela Willms, Hilary Caligiuri, Sara Gonsalves, Andrew Draper (proxy), Jason Nelson (virtual), Mary Supple, Julie Maas-Kusske, Kadra Mohammed (proxy).

Guests: Dan Rogan, David Bernstein, Kwesi Booker, Michelle Lefebvre, Patrick Enderlein, David Hewitt, Kelly O' Roarke.

Staff: Jackie Braun-Lewis, Susan Winterfeld Thompson.

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

*Chief Werner, CJCC Chair*

- Meeting was called to order.
- Roll call was conducted, and quorum was present.
- May meeting minutes were approved.
- Mayor Mary Supple of Richfield, and Lt. Leslie Silette of Minneapolis Police Department were welcomed.

#### **20 minutes | Legislative Update**

*Wanda Cannon, Public Policy Manager Intergovernmental Relations*

- An overview of the 2026 legislative session was provided, including updates on public safety legislation and omnibus bills impacting criminal justice partners.
- Legislative updates included changes related to domestic violence laws, the Armor Network Task Force, the Brady Giglio bill, and the age of delinquency.
- Members discussed anticipated impacts of these legislative changes on law enforcement, prosecutors, courts, and partner agencies.

### **30 minutes | Delinquency Age Change**

*Kwesi Booker, Chief Children and Family Services Officer*

*Michelle Lefebvre, Senior Department Administrator, Children and Family Services*

- An update was provided on the change to the age of delinquency from 10 to 13, effective August 1, 2026.
- Hennepin County outlined implementation efforts, including new referral processes, multidisciplinary case review, and expanded staffing to support youth and families.
- Members discussed the importance of timely intervention, family engagement, and coordinated services for youth under age 13.

### **30 minutes | Open Forum Information Sharing**

*Chief Werner, CJCC Chair*

- An update was provided on increased jail population trends and recent drug-related incidents within the jail.
- Minneapolis Police Department shared staffing updates and recent promotions.
- Metro Transit highlighted continued collaboration with law enforcement partners, including development of a non-fatal shooting response team.
- Behavioral Health staff provided an overview of the Fourth Response initiative and the role of mental health professionals in emergency response.
- Members discussed opportunities to improve system efficiencies, data sharing, regional collaboration, and coordinated public safety efforts.

### **5 minutes | Wrap-up and Next Steps**

*Chief Werner, CJCC Chair*

- Survey results were reviewed to identify committee priorities and future presentation topics.
- Staff will contact members interested in future working groups and coordinate upcoming presentations.
- A future presentation will provide a deeper overview of the Fourth Response model and partner agency roles.
- Opportunities to present prosecution data and system-efficiency information to suburban city councils will be explored.
- Meeting adjourned.