

NORTH DAKOTA COMMISSION  
ON LEGAL COUNSEL FOR INDIGENTS

December 10, 2025

N.D. Commission on Legal Counsel for Indigents

Jamestown Administrative Office

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Jamestown, ND 58401

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- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of minutes from the September 25, 2025, meeting
- 3) Old Business:
  - a) Review of Annual Report
  - b) Update on Jamestown Administrative Office and Public Defender offices
  - c) Update on Contracts and Contractors
  - d) Update on Financial Status and Budget
  - e) Update on Group and Committee Work
  - f) Update on Pre-Trial Service/Counsel at First Appearances Programs
  - g) Training attended/provided:
    - i) Day One Summit, December 3-5, SMU Deason Center, School of Law
    - ii) Guardian Ad Litem Training, November 17, Bismarck
    - iii) Coalition for Juvenile Justice, October 14- 16, Minneapolis, MN
  - h) Legislative Session
    - i) Interim Activity
  - i) Next Legislative Session Potential Legislation
    - i) Health Care and Formulary for Inmates
    - ii) Criminal Responsibility
    - iii) Wrongful Conviction Statute
    - iv) Expansion of Investigator Program
    - v) Fees Cleanup
  - j) Review of comments received on Updated Guidelines
  - k) Annual Review of the Director
- 4) New Business
  - a) Review of Policy on What Constitutes a Case Assignment
  - b) Review of Policy/Standard on Case Assignment Termination
  - c) Preparation for the Next Biennium Budget
    - i) Replacement of Special fund with General Fund
    - ii) Public Defense System Evaluation
    - iii) Expansion of Investigator program
  - d) Upcoming Training
    - i) December 11, 2025 Winter CLE (Jamestown)
    - ii) May 13 & 14, 2026 (Grand Forks)
  - e) Kudos
- 5) Miscellaneous / Public Comment
- 6) Next Meeting Date and Time