

State Council for Interstate Juvenile Supervision

Sunset Advisory Commission Board and Commission Review

The Commission reviews every State board and commission and takes testimony regarding whether each board or commission should continue to operate or be eliminated and whether the powers and duties of any board or commission should be revised. Each board and commission has the burden of justifying its continued operation.

The Commission also reviews whether members of a board or commission should be entitled to a per diem and, if so, the amount of that per diem.

In testifying before the Commission, you should be able to provide the following information:

1. In general, how often does the board and commission meet? Provide specific information on how often the board or commission has met in the past two fiscal years. Provide information on where agendas and minutes of meetings can be found.
 - a. The Council meets annually (twice in the last two fiscal years). The Council can meet more if needed.
 - b. Agendas and minutes are distributed internally to members and are maintained by DCF's Interstate Compact Administrator. These minutes, members and attendees are reported federally to the Interstate Commission for Juveniles National Office every January.
2. Provide the names of members of the board or commission, their term length and expiration, their appointing authority, and the amount of any per diem they receive.
 - a. Terms do not expire or have a term limit; there is no per diem. There is no current appointing authority in statute.
 - b. Members:
 - i. Elizabeth Morris – DCF Juvenile Justice Coordinator
 - ii. Kreig Pinkham - Director of the Vermont Coalition of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs
 - iii. Bob Sheil – Juvenile Defender
 - iv. Amy Davenport – Judge
 - v. Karen Oelschlaeger – State's Attorneys' Office
 - vi. Chris Fenno – Center for Crime Victims Services
 - vii. Ann Pugh – Legislator

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3. Provide an overview of the board or commission's purpose.
 - a. Each state council will advise and may exercise oversight and advocacy concerning that state's participation in Interstate Commission activities and other duties as may be determined by that state, including but not limited to, development of policy concerning operations and procedures of the compact within that state." (<https://www.juvenilecompact.org/resources/state-council-toolkit>).
4. Is that purpose still needed? What would happen if the board or commission no longer fulfilled that purpose?
 - a. Yes, this is still needed. It is a requirement of the Interstate Commission on Juveniles and is in Vermont statute (33 VSA 5729).
 - b. Without this Council, the state may face negative fiscal implications/sanctions from the federal government.
5. How well is the board or commission performing in executing that purpose? What evidence can you provide to substantiate that performance?
 - a. Yes, the board is executing its purpose through their annual meetings and federal report.
6. If the purpose is still needed, can State government be more effective and efficient if the purpose was executed in a different manner?
 - a. We do not believe there is another way to execute the functions of this board in line with the federal level mandate for it to exist.
7. If the purpose is still needed, do any of your board or commission's functions overlap or duplicate those of another State board or commission or federal or State agency? If so, is your board or commission still the best entity to fulfill the purpose?
 - a. There is no duplicative effort that serves this board's purpose.
8. Does the board or commission's enabling law continue to correctly reflect the purpose and activities of the board or commission?
 - a. Yes
9. Provide a list of the board and commission's last fiscal year expenditures including staffing costs. How are these funded?
 - a. None

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10. Is the board or commission required by law to prepare any reports or studies for the Legislature, the Governor, or any State agency or officer? If so, have those reports or studies been produced? Does the board or commission have ongoing reporting obligations?
 - a. The Council produces a federal report annually and is mandated to continue to do so.

11. How would you measure the performance of the board or commission?
 - a. Their success is measured by their mandate to meet annually and produce the reflective annual report to the federal governing body.