

Meeting Summary
Alaska Criminal Justice Data Analysis Commission
December 11, 2025
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
LIO Office, Anchorage, and Zoom

Chair Claman called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. Members present were Terrence Haas, Angie Kemp (Deputy Attorney General for Criminal Affairs, Zoom), Ret. Judge David Mannheimer, Judge Kari McCrea, Kelsey Potdevin (for Alex Cleghorn, Zoom), Lisa Purinton (for James Cockrell, Zoom), Brenda Stanfill, Ret. Judge Trevor Stephens, Autumn Vea (Zoom), April Wilkerson (for Jen Winkelman, Zoom), and Capt. Brian Wilson.

Lt. Jean Achee, Rep. Andrew Gray, Heather Phelps and Dr. Mary Wilson were absent.

Staff present were Susanne DiPietro, Brian Brossmer, Teri Carns, and Susie Dosik.

Chair Claman called the roll and determined a quorum was present. He welcomed new member Angie Kemp (new Deputy Attorney General for the criminal division of Dept. of Law).

Approve Agenda

Judge Stephens moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Haas seconded the motion, and members approved it without objections.

Approve October 10, 2025 and October 23, 2025 meeting summaries

Mr. Haas moved to approve the October 10, 2025 meeting summary, and Judge McCrea seconded the motion; Judge Mannheimer moved to approve the October 23, 2025 meeting summary, and Ms. Stanfill seconded the motion. Members approved both motions without objections.

Public Comment Period

Chair Claman opened the meeting to public comment at 10:41 a.m. There were no comments. The Chair closed the public comment period at 11:11 a.m. Chair Claman noted that the Commission receives public comments at any time through the Judicial Council website.

Establish 2026 Research Agenda

Chair Claman introduced Retired Judge Bill Morse who facilitated a discussion of the DAC's research agenda for 2025.

Members agreed they appreciated the structure of the report adopted in 2024 and used again in 2025. Members concurred that the primary audiences were the legislature and the public, and that the reports could be designed with simpler images such as pictographs to make them easier to understand. The DAC also could publicize them more widely. Members considered the uses of the report for reference material, and the creation of two-to-three page papers prepared about specific topics or findings from the annual report.

Judge Morse asked about agency staffing and workload. Information about agency staffing is reported to the legislature annually, in conjunction with budget hearings and requests. Members discussed turnover and staff retention related to budget changes and the pandemic, training needs for new staff, and effects of staff turnover on caseloads and dispositions. Members concurred that they would like to see more information about staffing issues in the 2026 report, because staffing affects charging decisions, time to disposition, and other data that the DAC is required to report.

Judge Morse noted the report finding that arrests have been falling. Members agreed the trend might be different in rural areas and could be related to staffing. Members invited Dr. Brad Myrstol, Assistant Dean of Justice and Human Services at University of Alaska Anchorage, to comment. Dr. Myrstol said that the Justice Center/AJiC was wrapping up a study that AFN and the legislature funded about possible disparity issues for incarcerated populations. They are getting started on two other reports: the 2025 Victimization study and a report on missing and murdered indigenous people. They also are reviewing two different models of crisis intervention teams – the Anchorage Police Department teams of an officer and a person trained in crisis intervention, and the Anchorage Fire Department team of an EMT and a person trained in crisis intervention.

Judge Morse asked Ms. DiPietro to review that DAC's work in progress. Ms. DiPietro said staff are working in two areas: pretrial decision making (including conditions of release), and factors affecting time to case disposition. The study is collecting information about reasons cited by judges and attorneys for granting continuances, and also which defendants were released before case disposition and under what conditions. She explained that the data necessary for these inquiries are not available in aggregate electronic form, so staff have been examining individual court files in each of the over 400 cases included in the study. After discussion, it was agreed to invite the court system to meet with DAC at its February meeting to discuss the types of data available from the court, and formatting of the data for use by the DAC.

Chair Claman said that four possible projects had been discussed for 2026: a report of victim data, an updated report on sex offenses, a report on probation and parole, and the report on pretrial issues. Ms. Stanfill said that until NIBRS data were available from police departments sometime in 2026, and data were available from the victimization survey, the victim data study should be deferred.

Members discussed incarcerated populations, reentry issues, probation and parole, therapeutic courts, restitution, and cost of imprisonment. Judge Stevens and Ms. Veal mentioned the Norway model of incarceration.

After further discussion, the research topics chosen for 2026 were:

- Agency staffing
- Updated sex offenses report
- Probation and parole data and analysis
- Charge reductions and case dispositions
- Pretrial and time to disposition data and analysis (continuation of 2025 project)

Staff will develop individual research proposals for consideration by the members at the next meeting on February 27 in Juneau. Chair Claman thanked Judge Morse for his facilitation of the discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.