

**Colorado Supreme Court
Rules of Juvenile Procedure Committee
Meeting Minutes: June 6, 2025**

I. Call to Order

A quorum being present, the Colorado Supreme Court Rules of Juvenile Procedure Committee was called to order on June 6, 2025 by the Chair, Judge Craig Welling, at around 9 a.m. via videoconference.

The following members were present at the meeting:

Judge Craig Welling; David Ayraud; Jerin Damo; Traci Engdol-Fruhworth; Magistrate Randall Lococo; Judge Gail Meinster; Judge Pax Moultrie; Z Saroyan; Anna Ulrich; Pam Wakefield; and Abby Young.

The following non-voting members were also present: Richard L. Gabriel, liaison justice; Terri Morisson; and J.J. Wallace.

The following members were absent from the meeting:

Judge Karen Ashby; Judge Priscilla J. Loew; Professor Colene Robinson; Angela Rose; Lisa Shellenberger; and Judge Theresa Slade.

The following materials were used during the meeting:

1. Rule Change 2025(10)
2. HB25-1204 (Colo. ICWA-Final Act)

II. Chair's Report

A. Minutes for the April 4, 2025 meeting.

The minutes were approved without amendment.

B. Rule Change 2025(10) effective for cases filed on or after July 1, 2025.

The Chair asked if any members had received further feedback on the new rules. No member had heard any comments. Justice Gabriel believes the lack of comment is an unbelievable testament to the hard work of the committee and noted the absence of comments during the public comment period—not even nits—which speaks to the work and professionalism that went into the effort. Various members indicate that trainings are scheduled and underway. OCR had one training already, and there were over 200 participants.

Justice Gabriel suggested that committee members work on an article to publish in the *Colorado Lawyer*. Anna Ulrich indicated that she is updating OCR's [Guided Reference in Dependency](#) with the new rules, so she has a good sense of what is important to highlight. She volunteered to spearhead an article. Z and Judge Welling offered to help too. And Justice Gabriel offered the assistance of his law clerks, if they were needed.

III. New Business

(none)

IV. Old Business

A. Discovery and Disclosures Annual Review

Z, Anna, David, and Judge Welling are meeting and identifying issues with the rule. In reviewing feedback, they are distinguishing between one-off incidents/people not working well together with structural problems that evidence larger issues. The list of issues is so far is pretty short. Justice Gabriel suggested the subcommittee also seek feedback on whether the rule was clear. If something is unclear, we should change it.

B. ICWA Rules Annual Review

Judge Moultrie, chair of the subcommittee, recounted that the subcommittee met several weeks ago. The consensus of the subcommittee was that people were aware of the rules, at least in the D&N context, and were also aware of the then-pending Colorado ICWA bill. The subcommittee decided to meet next after the bill had passed. A member indicated that the law was enacted without a safety clause, so it becomes effective at 12:01 a.m. on August 6th. Judge Moultrie has created a survey for family law and probate judges to get feedback on the rules in those areas. Also, Judge Moultrie related that the subcommittee is joining forces with those working on the juvenile benchbook and bench cards in an effort to avoid duplicative work.

C. Truancy Subcommittee

Abby Young, chair of the subcommittee, explained that the project to look into truancy rules has turned out much larger than expected and is expanding organically as they dig in. There are very different practices statewide. Right now, the subcommittee is gathering information. They have put together a survey for judges (and for judges to send to their stakeholders). Responses are due on June 17th. The first impression is that there is a real hunger to talk about truancy issues among judges, lawyers, teams, GALs, CACs, service providers, school districts, etc. A member indicated that, at a recent

training for new magistrates, he also noticed a hunger to talk about others' experiences with truancy cases. The subcommittee is getting good participation from all groups but they need someone from the southwest corner of the state. Anna Ulrich offered to assist with finding a school district participant in that area of the state. Abby cautioned that they were still in the beginning stages and that this effort may take some time. Judge Welling indicated that if the subcommittee notes particularly good members of the subcommittee, we do not have any truancy experts on the main C.R.J.P. rules committee, and Abby should refer them for possible appointments to the committee.

V. Future Meetings

The next meeting is August 1st.

Additional meetings are scheduled for: October 3rd; December 5th.

VI. Adjourn

The committee meeting adjourned at around 9:40 a.m.