

AGENDA
JTDC ADVISORY BOARD BIMONTHLY MEETING
MARCH 4, 2025
LOCATION: 69 W. WASHINGTON, Conference Rm. F, 22nd fl.
TIME: 12 NOON TO 2 P.M.

****Space is limited.**** If you plan on attending in person, RSVP by Friday, February 28, to meadepalidofsky@gmail.com. Upon receipt of your RSVP, we will send you the link to the IDJJ 2024 Cook County Temporary Detention Center Inspection Report and JTDC Lawsuit by (Levy Konisbreg). PLEASE ARRIVE BY 11:45 A.M,

Bios of speakers can be found at the end of the agenda

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Note changes in the schedule for the May and September meetings
4. Presentation on Statewide Juvenile Detention Center Ombudsperson Program
 - **Karima Douglas**, Independent Juvenile Ombudsperson will present
 - **Rob Vickery**, Director of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice will present
5. Questions from members of the Advisory Board
6. Questions from attendees
7. Follow-up on JTDC Room confinement-related issues and data collection questions raised by Cook County Commissioners at the January 23rd Advisory Board Meeting
 - **JTDC Operational Staff**
8. 2024 Inspection Report of the JTDC
 - **John Albright**, DJJ Chief of Performance and Innovation
9. JTDC Advisory Board Questions
10. Attendee Questions
11. Overview of the **JTDC Advisory Board 2024 Annual Report** available in April, 2025
12. Advisory Board member recruitment
13. Adjourn

Speakers Bios

John Albright, Chief of Performance and Innovation, Department of Juvenile Justice

John has a Master's Degree in Clinical Psychology from Benedictine University and has experience as a Multi-systemic Therapist working with youth and families on high-risk caseloads in DuPage County, Illinois. John has also worked in professional development and quality assurance for the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center, where he conducted workshops and oversight on cognitive-behavioral intervention programming and conditions of confinement. John has worked with IDJJ since 2017, serving as the Superintendent for the Illinois Youth Center at St. Charles from 2018 - 2021, and now as Chief of Performance where he conducts annual inspections of all detention centers in the state.

Karima Douglas, Independent Juvenile Ombudsperson

Karima Douglas has a strong background in juvenile justice and legal services and is currently serving as the Independent Ombudsperson for the State of Illinois' Department of Juvenile Justice, a role she has held since July 2021. Karima has played a key part in ensuring accountability, fairness, and transparency within the state's juvenile justice system. Before this position, Karima served as Deputy Ombudsman at the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice from August 2017 to July 2021, where she was responsible for overseeing and addressing issues related to the treatment of juveniles within the system.

Earlier in their career, Karima served as the Juvenile Justice Project Director at Illinois Collaboration on Youth from January 2013 to July 2017, where they led efforts to improve the juvenile justice landscape across Illinois. Karima's dedication to juvenile justice, legal expertise, and advocacy continues to shape their work in fostering positive reforms in the system.

Robert Vickery, Director Department of Juvenile Justice

Robert Vickery serves as Director of IDJJ, overseeing the care, custody and services provided to young people committed to the Department by Illinois courts. In this role, he oversees five secure youth centers and eight Aftercare offices. Mr. Vickery served as Deputy Director of Programs at IDJJ from 2017 to 2024. Under his guidance, DJJ achieved and sustained substantial compliance with all of the federal RJ consent decree's behavioral health and programming requirements. He also led key components of the 21st Century Transformation Plan, including upgrades to the agency's intake process, increased partnerships with innovative and transformative community partners, and engagement with families and former DJJ youth to improve the juvenile justice system. Mr. Vickery has been a leader in Illinois' juvenile justice reform efforts throughout his 20 year career, starting as a juvenile detention officer and probation officer with the 18th Judicial Circuit Court in DuPage County. Mr. Vickery also served as Executive Director of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission from 2014 to 2016, focusing on juvenile justice policy and practice reforms for the state.

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Next Board meeting: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 12 p.m. to 2 p.m., 69 W. Washington, Conf. Rm. F, 22nd floor