

In the Supreme Court of the State of Idaho

IN RE: MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHILD)
PROTECTION COMMITTEE)
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ORDER

The Court having determined the need to appoint a statewide committee to examine ways of reducing delays for children in foster care and the Court having chosen the members of said committee;

The charge to the Committee is as follows:

A. Identify:

1. Factors (practices, procedures, guidelines, statutes, rules) which contribute to delays in reunification;
2. Factors (practices, procedures, guidelines, statutes, rules) which contribute to delays in termination of parental rights;
3. Factors (practices, procedures, guidelines, statutes, rules) which contribute to delays in permanent placements;
4. Terms in the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997 which need clarification;
5. Successful approaches to child protection cases used in other states.

B. Provide:

1. Predictability, security and certainty as soon as possible, and make recommendations for reducing delays for children in foster care including reducing delays in reunification, in terminations, and in permanent placements;
2. Recommendations for shared accountability and unified standards of practice within and between the key players including the Court, Tribal Court, Dept. of Health and Welfare, Prosecutor, Public Defender, Dept. of Juvenile Corrections, and CASA;
3. Recommendations for better coordination between different courts/judges/cases involving the same family including protection order, juvenile, family law, and child protection across all Idaho counties;
4. Recommendations for unified statewide judicial approach to child protection cases;
5. Recommendations for increasing voluntary terminations including whether and how to accommodate the parents willing to terminate if allowed to maintain some contact in cases where such contact is not detrimental to child;
6. Recommendations for minimizing trauma to children after removal;
7. Recommendations regarding role of long-term guardianship/foster care.

The Court, being advised that a request has been made for adjustments to the Child Protection Committee membership;

The following changes are made to the Child Protection Committee membership:

Committee members that shall be released from the duties associated with the Committee, with our appreciation for their service are:

Hon. Ralph Savage
Miren Unsworth
Madison Miles

Hon. Neal Randall shall continue membership on the Committee in his new position as Magistrate Judge in the Seventh Judicial District, taking over the judicial position previously occupied by the Hon. Ralph Savage.

Committee Members that shall be appointed to the Committee are:

Andie Blackwood
Cassidy Littleton

Committee Members that shall be reappointed for another term to expire December 31, 2025, are:

Hon. Calvin Campbell
Hon. Courtnie Tucker
Roger Sherman
Krista Howard
Jessica Long
Lisa Nordstrom

After implementing this Order, the membership of the Committee is as follows:

Committee Member	Title	Term Expires
Hon. Andrew Ellis	Magistrate Judge, Fourth Judicial District, Ada County	December 31, 2024
Hon. Anna Eckhart	Magistrate Judge, First Judicial District, Kootenai County	December 31, 2023
Hon. Victoria Olds	Magistrate Judge, Second Judicial District, Lewis County	December 31, 2024
Hon. Courtnie Tucker	Magistrate Judge, Third Judicial District, Canyon County	December 31, 2025
Hon. Calvin Campbell	Magistrate Judge, Fifth Judicial District, Twin Falls	December 31, 2025
Hon. Paul Laggis	Magistrate Judge, Sixth Judicial District, Power County	December 31, 2024
Hon. Neal Randall	Magistrate Judge, Seventh Judicial District, Butte County	December 31, 2024
Hon. Jessica Lorello	Chief Judge Court of Appeals	December 31, 2023
Karlene Behringer	Trial Court Administrator, First Judicial District	December 31, 2023
Andie Blackwood	Bureau Chief, Family and Children Services, IDHW	December 31, 2025
Roxanne Printz	Deputy Division Administrator, Family and Children Services, IDHW	December 31, 2024
Julie Kane, Esq.	Managing Attorney, Nez Perce Tribe	December 31, 2024

Stacy McAlevy	CASA Executive Director, Seventh Judicial District	December 31, 2024
Krista Howard, Esq.	Attorney representing children in the Fourth Judicial District	December 31, 2025
Jessica Long, Esq.	Associate Clinical Professor of Law, University of Idaho	December 31, 2025
Roger Sherman	Executive Director, Idaho Children's Trust Fund	December 31, 2025
Marian Woods	Senior Director, Casey Family Programs	December 31, 2023
Nancy Austin, Esq.	Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Twin Falls County	December 31, 2023
<i>Vacant</i>	Deputy Attorney General, IDHW	December 31, 2023
Lisa Nordstrom, Esq.	Guardian Ad Litem Attorney	December 31, 2025
Brigitte Borup, Esq.	Deputy Public Defender, Canyon County	December 31, 2025
Zoie Laggis, Esq.	Senior Deputy Prosecuting Attorney, Bannock County	December 31, 2025
Cassidy Littleton	Lived Experience Representative	December 31, 2025
<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Public Defender, Seventh Judicial District</i>	<i>December 31, 2025</i>

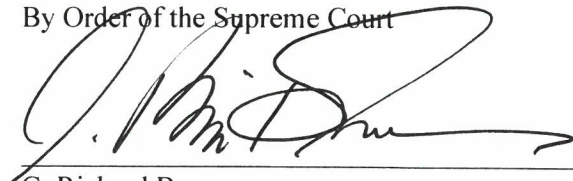
A team of Idaho court administrative experts, as well as Legal Counsel, will provide on-going support and guidance to the Child Protection Committee, as needed.

Teresa Vance, Court Programs and Services Administrator, Child Protection
Deena Layne, Deputy Legal Counsel


This order shall be effective on the date signed.

DATED this 18th day of July, 2023.

By Order of the Supreme Court


G. Richard Bevan
Chief Justice, Idaho Supreme Court

ATTEST:


Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

I, Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk of the Supreme Court/
Court of Appeals of the State of Idaho, do hereby
Certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the
Child Protection Cmte entered in the above entitled
cause and now on record in my office. WITNESS my
hand and the Seal of this Court July 19, 2023
Melanie Gagnepain, Clerk

By  Deputy