Baltimore City Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. Baltimore City Circuit Court Administrative Judge Audrey J.S. Carrión greeted Council members and their representatives. She advised she was chairing the meeting in Mayor Scott's absence per the by-laws.

Council Members in Attendance:* Chair Audrey J.S. Carrión, Circuit Administrative Judge, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Chair Geoffrey Hengerer, District Administrative Judge, District Court of Maryland, District 1, Dorothy Lennig, designee for the Governor of Maryland, Katie Dorian, designee for the Maryland Attorney General, Catherine Flynn, designee for the State's Attorney for Baltimore City, Richard Worley, Commissioner, Baltimore Police Department, Alycia Capozello, designee for the District Public Defender, Baltimore City and Co-Chair of the Community Justice Committee, Angelina Guarino, designee for the Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and Co-Chair of the Interagency Data and IT Committee, Kelvin Harris, designee for the Commissioner, Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Alana Calhoun, designee for Council President, Baltimore City Council, Betsy Fox Tolentino, Secretary, Department of Juvenile Services, Stefanie Mavronis, Director, Mayor’s Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement, Xavier Conaway, Clerk of the Court, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Linda Lewis, Administrative Commissioner, District Court of Maryland, District 1, Crista Taylor, President and CEO, Behavioral Health System Baltimore, Marlon Amprey, Baltimore City Delegation Delegate.

Others in Attendance:* Kimberly Barranco, Director of the Baltimore City Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Judge James Green, District Court of Maryland, District 1 and Chair of the Warrant Committee, Judge Diana Smith, District Court of Maryland, District 1 and Chair of the Pretrial/Post Arrest Committee, Joseph Muhlhausen, Chief of Data Analytics, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement and Co-Chair of the Interagency Data and IT Committee, Deena Hausner, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, J.D. Merrill, Mayor's Office, Sam Johnson, Mayor's Office, Ben Butler, Mayor's Office, Hajar Hussein, Mayor's Office, Eric Paxson, District Court of Maryland, Patricia Johnson, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, James Rhoden, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, Tatiana Reyes, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, and Rachel Ames, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and

Policy.

Absent: Chair Brandon Scott, Mayor, City of Baltimore, Wes Moore, Governor of Maryland, Anthony Brown, Maryland Attorney General, Ivan Bates, State's Attorney for Baltimore City, Marguerite Lanaux, District Public Defender, Baltimore City, Carolyn Scruggs, Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, LaShae Nicholson, Deputy Director of Operations for the Division of Parole and Probation, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Kimberly Bey, Commissioner, Division of Pretrial Detention and Services, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Zeke Cohen, Council President, Baltimore City Council, James Wyda, Federal Public Defender for the District of Maryland, Sam Cogen, Sheriff, Baltimore City Sheriff's Office, Mary Abrams, Administrative Clerk, District Court of Maryland, District 1, Thomas Maronick, Jr., Private Defense Bar Representative, Bar Association of Baltimore City, Cory McCray, Baltimore City Delegation Senator.
*We request that all in attendance sign the attendance sheet which is available at each meeting

Approval of the May 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Judge Carrión asked members if they had any edits to the May 13, 2026 meeting minutes. The minutes were approved without objection.

Chairs' Reports

Circuit Court Administrative Judge Audrey J.S. Carrión:

- Judge Carrión announced the retirement of Judge Shannon Avery, leaving three vacancies in the Circuit Court. The judicial nominating commission is scheduled to meet on July 23, 2026 to consider potential candidates. Additionally, three Baltimore City Circuit Court judges have been nominated for an appellate opening in Maryland, which speaks to the quality of the local bench.
- Judge Carrión reported that as a result of discussions in the Juvenile Case Processing workgroup, the Court has requested the Maryland Rules Committee to examine the Office of the Public Defender's limited access to MDEC. This limitation currently prevents the Public Defender's Office from making timely intake and conflict determinations.
- Judge Carrión noted that the Court began a pilot for the assisted outpatient treatment program pursuant to Health General Article §§10-6A-01 through 10-6A-12 of the Maryland Annotated Code and Maryland Rules 15-1700 through 15-1709 on July 1, 2026. This civil docket identifies individuals who voluntarily submit themselves to outpatient treatment. While no petitions have been received yet, the docket requires cases to be addressed within 60 days to connect individuals with mental health caregivers. Anyone over the age of 18 may make the referral. The process requires petitions to be accompanied by two physician certificates, and it is expected that mental health providers will facilitate these submissions.

District Court Administrative Judge Geoffrey Hengerer:

- Judge Hengerer confirmed that District One is fully staffed with three newly appointed judges who have been onboarded and are now working independently.

Standing Reports

Director's Report:

- Kimberly Barranco updated the Council on the status of the CJCC fiber. It has a major point of presence at the 6 St. Paul Street building, which is in the process of being sold by the state. The state Department of Information Technology (DoIT) has established monthly meetings with affected stakeholders to ensure that everyone is informed as to when and how the fiber will be relocated so that there is no disruption of service. Ms. Barranco thanked Chris Edwards from the State's Attorney's Office and Scott Monzeglio from Baltimore City IT (BCIT) who have managed the CJCC fiber to ensure continued operations for those members who still have a presence on the fiber.

Division of Pretrial Detention and Services Report: Deputy Commissioner Kelvin Harris provided the Pretrial Detention Report on behalf of Commissioner Kimberly Bey.

- Deputy Commissioner Harris reported that Molly Bloom started as the new principal at the Eager Street Academy on July 1, 2026 and the Detention Center's youth population currently stands at 72, with 68 males and 4 females.
- He advised the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services will host its annual re-entry simulation program at the Baltimore War Memorial on Thursday July 16, 2026. He invited everyone to attend and share the invitation widely, and Ms. Barranco advised she would forward this information to Council members.

Baltimore Police Department Report: Commissioner Richard Worley provided the report.

- Commissioner Worley reported that in the first six months of the year, homicides decreased by 31%, with 51 homicides compared to 74 this time last year.
- Robberies are down 13%, and carjackings are down by 44%. While non-fatal shootings have remained even, gun arrests have declined by 16% and seizures by 23%, which will probably go lower due to recent case law.
- Commissioner Worley stated that officers have been working non-stop, deployed for Artscape, Afram, Sail 250, and the Fourth of July, all in the last five weeks. He reiterated that the city was headed in the right direction.

Department of Juvenile Services Report: Secretary Betsy Fox Tolentino provided the report.

- Secretary Tolentino reported full summer engagement, ensuring that young people are connected to events and supportive interventions.

- She advised DJS has expanded the hours for staff in the city and is continuing youth of concern meetings with BPD to share information.
- Secretary Tolentino advised that DJS is working on a data dashboard and reported that for fiscal year 2025, juvenile handgun violation complaints are down 26%, juvenile motor vehicle theft complaints are down 40%, and juvenile carjacking is down 42%.
- She noted that while these are encouraging indicators, there is still work to do. She advised they are looking at their strategies that are driving complaints down and look to expand them.
- Secretary Tolentino advised that DJS is deploying a new "red-yellow-green" probation supervision model focused on behavioral interventions and is coordinating with the Office of the Public Defender, the State's Attorney's Office, and the juvenile judges to implement these changes and explain how they will be supervising.
- She asked members to let her know if there are any particular data points they would like addressed at the next meeting.

Presentation on Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping: James Rhoden, Director, Rachel Ames, Mental Health Coordinator, and Tatiana Reyes, Policy and Advocacy Coordinator, Center of Excellence, Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy provided a detailed presentation on Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Mapping.

- Jim Rhoden and Rachel Ames provided an overview of the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) initiative, which is housed within the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy pursuant to legislation to support system-level changes at the intersection of behavioral health and the criminal legal system.
- The initiative does not fund but serves in a consultative and technical assistance capacity to help jurisdictions identify gaps and improve coordination.
- Ms. Ames explained that SIM mapping workshops are local, jurisdiction-led initiatives that bring stakeholders together to look at the way individuals come into contact with the criminal justice system, create a snapshot of existing resources, and identify system gaps to divert individuals away from the system and into treatment.
- The SIM mapping provides a structured framework that brings stakeholders together across disciplines to understand how systems currently operate and how they can improve.
- Ms. Ames discussed the intercepts which would be mapped, beginning with Intercept 0 (community services), Intercept 1 (law enforcement), Intercept 2 (initial detention/initial court hearings), Intercept 3 (jails/courts), Intercept 4 (reentry), and Intercept 5 (community corrections).
- Baltimore City has not been mapped yet, but a preliminary request for mapping was submitted.

- The Center for Excellence hosts a two-day Behavioral Health SIM Summit which will be held this year on September 16 and 17, 2026.
- Jim Rhoden clarified that at this time, SIM mapping is done on the local level for the adult population only, not juveniles.
- Judge Carrión reminded members that this presentation is being given so that members have information about the process in order to vote on SIM mapping Baltimore City.
- Tatiana Reyes explained that the process involves a 12-week planning period, the formation of a planning group, and the identification of key participants from various disciplines.
- Ms. Reyes outlined the four phases of workshop preparation, which include building a foundation (phase 1), sending invitations and tracking outreach and engagement (phase 2), finalizing space and refreshments logistics and distributing a community self-assessment survey (phase 3), and hosting the mapping session (phase 4).
- In Phase 1, a planning group is established which will set the date, secure a meeting space, and identify target participants.
- The planning group should include representatives from all intercepts including behavioral health, law enforcement, the State's Attorney's Office, the Office of the Public Defender, the courts, the detention center, and Parole and Probation.
- Workshop participants should include broad representation from community services providers, hospitals, law enforcement, pretrial, jails, courts, reentry and community corrections.
- Workshops are facilitated over two days.
- Post-mapping, the team compiles a comprehensive report and detailed map with each intercept, which helps jurisdictions develop actionable priorities.
- Mapping highlights gaps, barriers, and opportunities for better coordination and linkages to services for the adult population.
- The council voted to approve the motion to conduct the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) mapping process for the jurisdiction.
- Ms. Barranco asked when the planning should start for the 2028 spring mapping, and Ms. Reyes advised that determining dates that conflict with scheduling the workshop should be identified as soon as possible.
- Judge Carrión thanked Mr. Rhoden, Ms. Ames, and Ms. Reyes for their presentation.

Work of the CJCC Committees

Warrant Committee – Chair Judge Jim Green

- Judge Green thanked stakeholders for their assistance in identifying outstanding detainers and warrants. He reported that the committee is working on clearing warrants, specifically identifying persons who are deceased or who have detainers in

Baltimore City or DOC custody. He advised that DPSCS is developing two documents to assist in this process and that a detainer list was provided today.

- The Committee is meeting next Thursday and will work with the State's Attorney's Office to identify their processes for warrant reviews.
- He stated there is overlap with the State JRA detainer workgroup and the committee continues to coordinate with them to ensure alignment.

Pretrial/Post Arrest Committee – Chair Judge Diana Smith

- Judge Smith reported that the committee formed a workgroup to address the provision of electronic discovery, including body-worn camera and CCTV footage, to pretrial detainees.
- Discovery currently must be viewed with counsel by appointment.
- The workgroup is addressing the numerous logistical challenges involved and is exploring a pilot program modeled after a Pennsylvania initiative that would allow individuals to view discovery without defense counsel present.
- The workgroup continues to tackle issues such as physical space, security, storage, equipment, scheduling, and staffing requirements for such a pilot.
- BCBIC has been identified as the first location for the pilot.
- The committee is addressing electronic home monitoring and communication between the justice partners.
- Judge Smith thanked all members of the committee and the workgroup. The next meeting of the committee is July 15, 2026, and the next meeting of the workgroup is August 4, 2026.

Domestic Violence Coordinating Committee – Kimberly Barranco

- On behalf of Co-Chairs Judge David Aldouby and former Administrative Judge Barbara Waxman, Ms. Barranco reported that the committee meets every other month and last convened on May 28, 2026; the next meeting is scheduled for July 23, 2026.
- She advised the committee continues to review data on protective order service by the Sheriff's Office, including gun seizure rates and firearm surrenders during arrest.
- Ms. Barranco reported that the Sheriff's Office has begun an electronic service process for civil matters in the Circuit Court and in theory the processes could be replicated for DV Protective Order service.
- The committee also tracks abuser intervention program referrals.

Transportation Committee – Kimberly Barranco

- On behalf of Chair Judge Melissa Copeland, Ms. Barranco reported that the Transportation Committee meets quarterly and last met on April 20, 2026. The July 20, 2026 meeting was cancelled since a number of issues regarding transportation were addressed at the previous meeting.

- There is an outstanding issue with the staffing for transportation of incarcerated individuals at the Circuit Court level.
- Judge Carrión confirmed that transportation remains an issue and that the Court appreciates the daily emailed updates from DPSCS.
- The next committee meeting is October 28, 2026.

Community Justice Committee – Co-Chair Alycia Capozello

- Alycia Capazello, Deputy District Public Defender for Baltimore City, reported that the Community Justice committee last met on May 11, 2026 and will meet again on July 27, 2026.
- The committee is moving forward with two potential programs for emerging adults aged 18 to 25 who are first-time offenders.
- The first program, in partnership with ROCA Baltimore, would target first-time offenders charged with the wear, carry, and transport of a handgun.
- The second program would be modeled after the "Unleashing Potential" program in Ohio, which serves individuals charged with misdemeanors aged 18 to 25.
- The committee is also evaluating the addition of a community member to their group to align with best practices for CJCCs.

Interagency Data and IT Committee – Co-Chairs Angelina Guarino and Joseph Muhlhausen

- Co-Chair Angelina Guarino, Assistant Secretary for Data, Policy, and Grants reported that the Interagency Data and IT Committee last met on June 4, 2026 and will meet again on August 6, 2026.
- She advised the committee is prioritizing two main activities. The first involves conducting an inter-agency survey on cloud storage utilization to identify needs and opportunities within the jurisdiction.
- The second activity involves revising the next monthly Pretrial Division Statistics report to disaggregate certain NIBRS categories, which aims to clarify trends driving incarceration and to better understand the misdemeanor and felony assaults charges.

Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team – Chair Tania Araya

- Tania Araya reported that the DVFRT's mission is to reduce domestic violence homicides by convening a multi-disciplinary team to develop data-driven public policy recommendations. The team met July 2, 2026 and is scheduled to meet again on August 6, 2026.
- The team recently completed a review of two cases and is working on recommendations.
- The team is currently gathering information for a third case. Specific details regarding these cases are confidential by statute.
- The team is developing protocols to provide guidance for their processes.

- A primary challenge they face is obtaining access to medical records, and the team would like to provide a letter from the Health Commissioner to accompany these requests.
- To address systemic issues, the team is focusing on policy recommendations, specifically targeting agencies and institutions to improve their systemic responses to domestic violence cases.

Juvenile Case Processing Workgroup – Kimberly Barranco

- On behalf of Chair Judge Charles Blomquist, the Judge In Charge of the Juvenile Division of the Circuit Court, Ms. Barranco reported that the workgroup held its last meeting on June 15, 2026, with the next meeting scheduled for July 13, 2026.
- The workgroup meets monthly as it is time limited.
- The group is focusing on case processing, charging, filings, notice to the parties, service to the parties, and hearing scheduling.
- The workgroup recently added warrants to their scope, and both the Baltimore Police Department and the Department of Juvenile Services are currently working on their internal warrant procedures.
- The Sheriff's Office reported improvements in their timely receipt of subpoenas.
- Regarding the processing of petitions, the Clerk's Office indicated a preference for continued paper-based submission, although the committee has encouraged them to explore electronic petition submissions.
- Circuit Court Clerk Xavier Conaway advised that they are exploring electronic petition submissions, including consulting with other jurisdictions to facilitate changes in their procedures.
- Judge Carrión noted that all divisions maintain a Differentiated Case Management plan approved by the Chief Justice. Because of significant changes to the delinquency waiver process taking effect on October 1, 2026, the division is carefully reviewing these requirements and developing suggested protocol changes.

Booking Processes Workgroup – Kimberly Barranco

- On behalf of Chair Patrick Motsay, Chief of the Charging Division at the State's Attorney's Office, Ms. Barranco reported that the workgroup held its last meeting on July 6, 2026, with the next scheduled for August 3, 2026.
- The workgroup meets monthly as it is also time limited.
- The group is currently focused on modernizing paper processes, and member agencies have finished educating each other on their individual roles.
- Future work will focus on identifying existing choke points, determining which tasks can be streamlined, assessing which processes can be transitioned to virtual formats, and evaluating opportunities to eliminate paper-based procedures.

Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

No new business was raised. Judge Carrión thanked the attendees and adjourned the meeting. She advised that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday September 2, 2026 at 2:00 p.m., which was previously rescheduled from the standing meeting date September 9, 2026.