

Juvenile Justice Reform Council

Minutes

September 17, 2020
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting began by Secretary Sam Abed (Chair) taking roll call to account for the members present.

2. Approval of September 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes

- The minutes were reviewed and approved by the Chair.

3. Recommendations to Council on Minimum Age of Juvenile Court Jurisdiction

- Marta Nelson
- Proposals received in advance of the meeting were reviewed.
- Senator Chris West recommended setting the age of jurisdiction at age 12, with an exception for crimes of violence as defined in Criminal Law Article Section 14-101.
- Delegate Jesse Pippy recommended considering age 11 as a cutoff point, indicating that it matches current federal laws. He also recommended excluding crimes of violence.
- Ms. Jenny Egan recommended setting the floor at age 14 and including crimes of violence.
- Dr. Sickmund expressed support for that position, with certain limited carve-outs based on offense.
- Discussion of recommendations.

4. Voting on Recommendations

- Marta Nelson
- Scott Schellenberger moved to accept Senator West's recommendation.
- Discussion followed, and a vote on the motion failed.
- Betsy Tolentino made a motion to exclude youth under 13 with the exception of crimes that carry a penalty of life without parole.
- Discussion followed. A vote was taken, and the motion failed to gain a majority of the members present.

5. Presentations

- Anton Robinson: National Practices for Juvenile Probation
- Anton Robinson gave a presentation on national practices for juvenile probation.
- Celina Cuevas, PhD: Probation Experiences for Maryland Youth
- Dr. Celina Cuevas gave a presentation on probation experiences of Maryland youth.

6. Discussion on Probation

- Marta Nelson/Sam Abed
- Recommendations to council to be submitted in advance of the October 8, 2020 meeting.

7. Adjournment

- The Chair adjourned the meeting.