

WSBA Juvenile Law Section Agenda

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

12:00pm - 1:00pm

NEW! Zoom Meeting Link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82978835230?pwd=48fJHrs2jhfV4zalFhFIHHnRMLLeBbH.1>

Social Time (12:00-12:10)

Welcome!

0) Introductions (added) (new EC members and others):

New EC of term, thanks Bailey for last term! Thanks Marci!

Jim, new chair. Been on EC for several years. AAG by profession

Anastasia previous yll new secretary. Kids dep atty under OCLA

Bailey immediate past chair, now at large, been on EC for several years. OCLA leadership

Carolyn WSBA liaison for us,

Sandy Garcia Walla Walla member attendee, LCYC by profession

Marci previous secretary and dep child welfare comm, now chair elect, OPD manager by profession

Jeff treasurer for several years and leg liaison, OCLA management

Lisa Melvin civil legal needs co chair exec dir chelan CASA director, new to WSBA, JLS b/c always worked children families,

Itzel law student rep at Seattle U,

Kari BOG liaison at large member for several years, OPD and OCLA contractor

Karrina Guilbault works for OCLA, new position unsure? (Bailey looked and ch-chair on child welfare committee)

1) Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2025. Reviewed, no comments or revisions,

Bailey moved to approve, Marci second. Opposed? No, Lisa abstained. Approved

2) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion-Top of our list b/c importance. Please let us know of opportunities in the community to bring this issue to our forefront-Jim.

3) Old Business.

a) Date for EC to meet and discuss Member Benefits and project assignments

specifically:_____. Jim would like a long term agenda/projects for section

and distribute work. Last year was growth for us, so how do we increase that and expand on the types of opportunities? Anastasia will send a poll with lunch times as main options. Nobody opposed to that. Same zoom link when time comes. Aim for Oct/Nov meeting. Can we have new recurring meeting calendar? Please set on your own calendars. Outlook reminder from Anastasia's account forthcoming.

b) National Association of Counsel for Children Scholarship:

<https://naccchildlaw.org/conference/48th-national-child-welfare-law-conference/>: Scholarship posted, closing date October 15, 2025. Reminder Sent Oct 8, 2025 by Anastasia. Closes today, no applicants. Itzel and Marci clarified they are not only for attorneys. The conference happens before next meeting so we need a special meeting to approve if we leave it open. Jim: Did we already extend this deadline? Marci: Not on this one. Jim relayed it is hard to get a quorum last min but open to extending. Marci thinks it is worth sending again and then see if a quorum is possible if there is a new applicant. Jim suggests we hold it open for 2 weeks. Lisa confirms that EC members are eligible. Anastasia moves to extend deadline to Oct 31, Marci seconded. No opposition or comments. Jeff reminded us that we need special meeting to be voted on too. Anastasia moved to have a special meeting if we get an applicant. Bailey seconded. No opposition or comments. Approved both.

c) NICWA scholarship: Itzel was selected. She will submit written summary and

documents for reimbursement to Anastasia. Was she reimbursed? Itzel submitted her receipt, \$99. Marci moved to approve reimburse, Bailey seconded. Jeff asked to clarify if she won the JLS scholarship. Marci confirmed yes she did. No other comments or opposition. Approved.

4) Young Lawyer Liaison Report: Aminat. Not present

5) BOG Liaison Report: Kari: Recent meeting on Sept 26-27 was the transition leadership meeting. The final report came from the legal tech taskforce, it was excellent. Read it in BOG materials. Recommendations were referred to EC for implementation. The FY

26 budget was approved, including our JLS budget. On the criminal side of JLS, BOG had a report from the council on public defense. Jason Schwartz, immediate past chair, said every jurisdiction will implement their own case load standards. Prepare for bumps. The Supreme Court will review in 3 yrs. BOG hopes they see that the weighted case load standard from WSBA is the best practice. They are seeking legislative funds to continue the study. The law clerk board amendments were approved to allow mentors to supervise 2 students as law clerks to help rural areas.

6) Committee Reports:

- a) CLE/Outreach Committee: Dara no present, Jim-Daris sent email w/ upcoming CLE list, and money requests to vote on next time. Please review and send out to interested people.
- b) Civil Legal Needs Committee: Lisa: talked to Katherine Kameron to get an idea of this role. What has happened in the past with this role? Jim will chat with her.
- c) Dependency and Child Welfare Committee: Kaelen not present. Karrina is the new co-chair! She left early. Jim will help connect co chairs.
- d) Legislative Committee: Jeff: no new reports. Sept 30 senate health human services session is reviewing 1227 and 6109. Juvenile detention may have some new legislation coming. 1227 overhaul removal statute for child welfare, standard closer to ICWA now. Concern by some that failed to address HPSO, so some amendments came to consider that in removal. News has reported on how it affects HSPO, some new concerns of statute being retracted. Unsure future.
- e) Juvenile Justice Committee: Person elected unfortunately stepped down. If we know anyone who would be interested, please ask them to consider. We have limited representation in this field so it would be good to have this represented.
- f) Law School Representative Report. Itzel (Sophia not present): crewneck vendor said that WSBA logo is complicated so she suggested t-shirts. No quote yet. Considering options. The event with Anastasia presenting at law school was appreciated. Can we plan for that to happen again? To align with Itzel/Sophia efforts to put our name out

there. She got permission to table at Seattle U law school to share our opportunities.

Materials? She will make flyers about current scholarship to share. Jeff and Anastasia to help get that started in respective geographical areas. Jim will also put that responsibility on the agenda for special projects meeting.

7) WSBA Liaison Carolyn: WSBA has a new definition of new/young lawyer. Young Lawyer committee requested this of WSBA. The supreme court approved the change. Everyone who has joined WSBA in the last 10 years are called New Members as a category. All websites and bylaws that now have old terms, including JLS, reference to young vs new. Carolyn's team will provide us redline docs of our bylaws that need substitutions to vote on. Expect that before November meeting. Anastasia will add time to our agenda. We should ask questions ahead of time. Questions now? No.

Other change is that it's not only lawyers. The New Member includes non attorneys with legal licenses.

Lastly, reminder of the fall section leader meeting on Oct 29 from 9am -11am, virtual. We will learn about new information and policy updates. The WSBA volunteer manager will present on project planning. The new WSBA president will speak as well.

[RSVP link for Fall Meeting](#)

8) Roundtable. Any new topics? none.

Adjournment:

[Next Meeting: November 19, 2025, 12:00 PM](#)