



Maine County Corrections Professional Standards Council

CCPSC Meeting Minutes Thursday April 23, 2026

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 11:00am. Commissioner Steve Gordon, Tim Curtis, Erica LaCroix and Sheriff Eric Samson were present. Council members Sheriff Lancaster, Steve French and Nathan Thayer were absent. A quorum was met.

2. Welcome & introduction of guests: Council Clerk Mary Anne LaMarre, Jim Gailey, Jim Cohen, Matt Magnessun, Scott Ferguson, Tony Cantillo, and Sheriff Kevin Joyce were also on the call.

2. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of March 26, 2025: Motion to accept by Erica LaCroix, seconded by Tim Curtis. Motion carries.

3. Old Business

A. Update on jail funding (distribution): Tim asked for clarification on the final language of LD2232 which was stripped of everything but \$4M in funding. Jim Cohen said the funding is being transferred to the Jail Operations Fund from interest from the State Rainy Day fund which currently earns about \$4M per month. The language indicates that this funding is allocated for FY26. Tim asked if that meant the funds need to be distributed before June 30, 2026. Scott Ferguson said he believes the funds will be available by May because the bill was passed as emergency legislation. No action was needed by the council at this time. Tim will follow up with Mitch prior to the next meeting.

4. New Business

A. Update regarding 1115 waiver: Deputy DOC Commissioner Anthony Candillo provided some background on the waiver which allows medical providers to bill MaineCare for inmate care within the last 90 days of incarceration. Maine DHHS is working to establish protocols in the State Prison System first since the State has one medical provider for all facilities. DHHS will also establish readiness procedures for Jails to prepare counties to be able to take advantage of this once the waiver is fully in place. Federal approval is still pending.

Tim and Jim Cohen discussed the importance of proper messaging to the legislature to avoid the perception that the waiver will solve jail funding issues. Tim said the benefit of the waiver is that it will allow counties to renegotiate medical coverage contracts.

B. Set date for June/July in-person meeting in Augusta: It was the consensus of the group to hold the in-person meeting on June 11, 2026, at 9am. Tim will confirm with Lauren Haven that the MCCA meeting room in Augusta

5. Subcommittee Reports: None

6. Other Business: Mary Anne said one topic of discussion for June 11 should be legislative priorities. She is sending a survey to Sheriff's and has already received some responses.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:52pm. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday May 14, 2026, by Zoom.