



Maine County Corrections Professional Standards Council

CCPSC Meeting Minutes February 26, 2026

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. Steve Gordon, Steve French, Erica LaCroix, Sheriff Dale P. Lancaster, Nathan Thayer and Sheriff Eric Samson were present. A quorum was met. Clerk Mary-Anne LeMarr, Amanda Campbell, John Newby and Jim Cohen were also on the call.

2. Approval of the minutes from the meeting of January 22, 2025: Motion by Erica LaCroix to accept the minutes, seconded by Sheriff Samson. Motion carries

3. Old Business: Sheriff Lancaster updated the group on testimony before the Appropriations Committee regarding jail funding. Jim Cohen said that the Criminal Justice Committee would most likely workshop jail funding issues and make a recommendation to Appropriations. Sheriff Lancaster said he was asked during testimony about the mandates. Steve French provided a template of standards that are mandated.

There was a discussion of proposed changes to the tax cap that counties must operate under.

4. New Business

A. Update on 1115 Waiver: Steve French introduced Dr. John Newby to the Council. Dr. Newby is working as a liaison between DHHS, MDOC and the Counties as the waiver is implemented. His goal is to meet with medical staff at all the County jails in the near future. Dr. Courtney Pladsen will schedule an update to the Council at a future meeting.

B. Review Boarding Rates as Submitted: Steve French has received input from 11 Counties and will send that information out to the group.

5. Subcommittee Reports

A. Technology: Update from Sheriff Brackett/Steve French: Sheriff Brackett was not available.

B. Financial: None

C. Legislative Policy: None

6. Other Business: Steve Gordon asked if the Council should review the number of pre-trial inmates and create a recommendation to the Judiciary Committee.