Maine County Corrections Professional Standards Council

CCPSC Meeting Minutes Thursday May 28, 2026

1. Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 11:03am

2. Welcome & introduction of guests: Council members Steve Gordon, Steve French, Sheriff Lancaster, Sheriff Samson, Tim Curtis, Erica LaCroix and Nathan Thayer were present. Clerk Mary-Anne LaMarre, Scott Ferguson, Jim Cohen, Sam Hamilton and Amanda Campbell were also on the call.

3. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of May 14, 2025: Motion to approve by Erica, seconded by Sheriff Lancaster. Motion carries.

4. Old business: Mitch Boynton reported that the fourth quarter payment from the Jail Operations Fund has been distributed to the Counties. The $4M from the supplemental budget is still waiting on clearance from the state, but he expects those payments to be issued before June 30th.

5. New business

A. Review agenda for annual meeting on June 11: Tim reviewed a draft agenda for the strategic planning meeting to include nominations for chair and vice chair for the next year, a review of the Council's work plan, a discussion about transportation and the future of jails and legislative priorities.

Sam Hamilton with Verrill Dana confirmed that he and Jim Cohen plan to attend to help guild the legislative discussion.

B. Review results of MSA survey on legislative action: Mary-Anne said the MSA will be discussing their priorities at a meeting in July, but the priorities identified by the council are shared by the Sheriffs.

6. Subcommittee Reports

A. Technology: Steve French said Sheriff Brackett is due to update the council on updates to JIMS.

B. Financial: Tim said that Jim Cohen is reviewing the Financial Reporting rules as drafted and the process for posting and public comment will begin shortly thereafter. Steve French confirmed that the rules have to be finalized by the end of October.

C. Legislative Policy: There was a robust discussion about whether or not to submit an initiative to the new budget or to simply ask for funds through the LD process. LD2232 passed with bipartisan support with a funding level of $30M before it was dismantled in Appropriations. The consensus was to rework that bill with sponsors in the new session, but to also submit an initiative for $30M in funding to the budget. Mitch reminded the council that budget submissions must be in by September 1st.

Erica and Amanda said the Council should also add initiatives to the MDOC budget to pay for audit reimbursement, council administration and costs associated with posting public notice. Tim said this is a good project for the June 11th meeting.

Mary-Anne reminded the group that when the session begins in January there will be opportunity for MCCA, MSA, MMA and the Council to present before the Criminal Justice Public Safety Committee.

The Council members took a moment to thank Commissioner Gordon for his leadership and commitment to the council for over three years. Steve spoke highly of the work of the group and the importance of having representation from so many parties in this work.

7. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 11:38am.