

## Justice Center Oversight Committee

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## 2022 Justice Center Oversight Committee Meeting Dates

Date	Location	Notes
January 5	Virtual	
February 2	Virtual	
March 2	Virtual	
April 6	*Meeting cancelled*	*Meeting cancelled*
May 4	Virtual	
June 1	Virtual	
July - No Meeting	No meeting in July	No meeting in July
August 3	In-person	
September 7	In-person	
October 5	In-person	
November 2	In-person	
December 7	*Meeting cancelled*	*Meeting cancelled*



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Minutes from the January 5, 2022

***VIRTUAL*** Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee

**Members present:** Marissa Mims (chair), Jeff Marier (vice chair), Dr. Jennifer Yolles, John Falge, Cassandra J. Ingram, Christine TenEyck, Kerry-Ann Crumbie  
**Absent:** Tricia Wittkowski, Greg Scammell **Community:** Clifford Ryans, Liam O'Connor, Nichole Henry, Peggy Chase, Rebecca Botting, Beth Schafer. **County staff present:** JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy, Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams and Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers.

- 1) **Opening:** Meeting began at 5:32 p.m.
- 2) **Welcomes/introductions:** Chair Mims recognized visitors.
- 3) **Agenda:** Motion to approve January agenda. Approved 7-0.
- 4) **Minutes:** Motion to accept December minutes. Approved 7-0.
- 5) **Visitors:** Public members were introduced; allowed to speak.
- 6) **Chair's report:** Chairperson Mims previously distributed Onondaga County and NaphCare contract to JCOC members via email. December NaphCare meeting was cancelled.
- 7) **Administrator's report:**
  - Covid Cases-Detainees: 7 (Seven cases from arrestees who tested positive when entering jail.)
  - Covid Cases-Staff: 6
  - Jail population: 443 (of the 443 detainees, 26 are female)
  - Marissa asked how many deputies were being hired for the custody department. Montanette responded that only a few might end up at the Justice Center because Jamesville and the Justice Center share any new hires based on needs.
  - Jail ministry and Human Rights staff still can't visit detainees. Marissa asked whether Center for Court Innovation workers can visit their clients; Montanette answered that CCI's mission to serve their clientele has not been hindered. Community member asked why State



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Jails are open to the public but not the Justice Center. Montanette acknowledged the differences between the state and county and explained the decision to reopen the Justice Center would be a concerted decision by local medical stake holders, county officials, the Sheriff's Office and others.

**8.) Motion to enter into executive session: Approved 7-0.**

**9.) Entered executive session at 5:53 p.m. Approved 7-0:**

Session is to review and discuss sensitive medical info of Justice Center detainees as it relates to forthcoming recommendations to the County Sheriff and Legislature.

**10.) Motion to adjourn Executive Session. Approved 7-0.**

Exited executive session at 6:27. Returned to open session.

**11.) Motion to adjourn meeting: Approved 7-0.** Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Jeff Marier on January 5, 2022.*



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Minutes from the February 2, 2022  
***VIRTUAL*** Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee

**Committee members present:** Jeff Marier (vice chair), Greg Scammell, John Falge, Cassandra J. Ingram, Christine TenEyck, Kerry-Ann Crumbie, Tricia Wittkowski

**Absent:** Marissa Mims (Chair)

**Community members present:** Chaplain Khali Abdulhabir, Imam Mohammed Al-Fiki, Liam O'Connor, Phyllis Epinger

**County staff present:** JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy and Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers

- 1) **Opening:** Meeting began at 5:36 p.m.
- 2) **Welcomes/introductions:** JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy recognized visitors.
- 3) **Agenda:** Motion to approve February agenda. Approved 7-0.
- 4) **Minutes:** Motion to approve January minutes. Approved 7-0.
- 5) **Visitors:** JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy introduces public members. JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy welcomes guest speakers Imam Mohammed Al-Fiki and Chaplain Khali Abdulhabir.
- 6) **Discussion:** First speaker was the Imam of the Islamic Society of CNY, Imam Mohammed Elfiki. He discussed the religious rights of Muslim detainees, and chronic illness and medicines during Ramadan. The second speaker was the Chaplain with Interfaith Works at Jamesville Correctional Facility, Khalil Abdulhabir, who discussed fasting for Muslim detainees and taking medicines.
- 7) **Chair's report:** No report.
- 8) **Administrator's report:**
  - **Covid Cases-Detainees:** 2 (one female, one male)
  - **Jail population:** 401 (of the 401 detainees, 31 are female)
  - **New Doctor at Justice Center:** Dr. Jerry Bartleson



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**8.) Motion to enter into executive session:** Approved 7-0.

**9.) Entered executive session at 6:08p.m. Approved 7-0:**

Session is to review and discuss sensitive medical info of Justice Center detainees as it relates to forthcoming recommendations to the County Sheriff and Legislature.

**10.) Motion to adjourn Executive Session Approved 7-0:**

**11.) Motion to adjourn meeting: Approved 7-0.**

Exited executive session at 6:42p.m. Returned to open session.

**12.) Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Jeff Marier on February 2, 2022.*



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Minutes from the March 2, 2022  
***VIRTUAL*** Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee

**Committee members present:** Marissa Mims (Chair), Jeff Marier (vice chair), Greg Scammell, Christine TenEyck, Kerry-Ann Crumbie, Tricia Wittkowski

**Absent:** John Falge, Cassandra J. Ingram

**Community members present:** Anni Bellows, Sora Iriye, Matthew Mayers, Diana Osborne

**County staff present:** JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy, Onondaga County Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams, and Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers

- 1) Opening:** Meeting began at 5:34 p.m.
- 2) Welcomes/introductions:** JCOC Chair Marissa Mims recognized visitors.
- 3) Agenda:** Motion to approve March agenda. Approved 6-0.
- 4) Minutes:** Motion to approve February minutes. Approved 6-0.
- 5) Visitors:** JCOC Chair Marissa Mims introduces public members. Public member Anni Bellows is interested in the HRC and the work of the JCOC.
- 6) Chair's report:** JCOC Chair Marissa Mims met with the Justice Center during the bi-monthly meeting. JCOC Chair Marissa Mims will move forward with handing in the medical recommendations to the County Legislature.

**Discussion:**

- 1)** Should we continue the bi-monthly meetings? These meetings are important because they build relations between the JCOC and Custody command. The frequency of these meetings could probably be less often, possibly quarterly or twice a year instead.
- 2)** JCOC member Tricia Wittkowski proposed we discuss the medical contractor of the JC. She suggested care was better when Onondaga County ran it instead of a private contractor. Custody command wants to find a solution that will eliminate complaints regarding medical care. JCOC members would like to meet with the County in order to understand the pros and cons of both options.



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**7) Administrator's report:**

- **Covid Cases-Detainees:** 0
- **Jail population:** 414 (of the 414 detainees, 27 are female)
- **New Doctor at Justice Center:** Dr. Jerry Bartleson is now working at the Justice Center.
- **Physician applicants for the JCOC:** JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy reached out to the County Medical Society for physician recommendations/applicants to join the JCOC.

**8.) No executive session.**

**9.) Motion to adjourn meeting: Approved 6-0.**

**10.) Meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Jeff Marier on March 2, 2022.*



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Minutes from the May 4, 2022  
***VIRTUAL*** Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee

**Committee members present:** Jeff Marier (vice chair), Christine TenEyck, Tricia Wittkowski, JoAnne Spoto Decker

**Absent:** Marissa Mims (Chair), John Falge, Cassandra J. Ingram, Greg Scammell,

**Community members present:** Peggy Chase, Pastor Aaron Chancy, Liza Acquah

**County staff present:** JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy, Onondaga County Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams, and Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers

- 1) **Opening:** Meeting began at 5:35 p.m.
- 2) **Welcomes/introductions:** Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers recognized visitors. Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers announces the welcoming of JoAnne Spoto Decker to the committee. Committee member JoAnne Spoto Decker introduces herself.
- 3) **Agenda:** Motion to approve May agenda. No approval. No quorum.
- 4) **Minutes:** Motion to approve March minutes. No approval. No quorum.
- 5) **Visitors:** Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers introduces public members. Public member Pastor Aaron Chancy introduces himself. He appreciates being here and looks forward to future meetings. Public member Liza Acquah introduced herself and informed the committee who her son and his medical condition. She expressed concerns over the jail and its conditions. Public member Peggy Chase welcomes JoAnne Spoto Decker to the committee and congratulates Christine TenEyck on being reappointed to the committee for another 3 years.
- 6) **Chair's report:** No Chair's report.





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**7) Administrator's report:**

- **Covid Cases-Detainees:** 1
- **Jail population:** 383 (of the 383 detainees, 22 are female)
- **Tablets:** All detainees have tablets except the Mental Health POD. Detainees are able to make phone calls, watch movies, and download music on their tablets. Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers reported that the feedback of the tablets has been good. The detainees enjoy having them.

**8) Discussion:**

Next bi-monthly meeting will be June 8th, 2022 at the Justice Center. Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers is able to visit the detainees multiple times a week. JCOC members are still not allowed to do jail visits.

**9) No executive session.**

**10) Motion to adjourn meeting: Approved 6-0.**

**11) Meeting ended at 5:56 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Jeff Marier on May 4, 2022.*



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Minutes from the June 1, 2022  
***VIRTUAL*** Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee

**Committee members present:** Marissa Mims (Chair), John Falge, Cassandra J. Ingram, Christine TenEyck, Tricia Wittkowski, JoAnne Spoto Decker

**Absent:** Jeff Marier (vice chair), Greg Scammell

**Community members present:** Matthew Mayers, Jan-Juba Arway

**County staff present:** Onondaga County Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams and Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers

- 1) **Opening:** Meeting began at 5:32 p.m.
- 2) **Welcomes/introductions:** Chair Marissa Mims welcomes everyone.
- 3) **Agenda:** Motion to approve May & June agenda. Approved 5-0
- 4) **Minutes:** Motion to approve March and May minutes. Approved 4-0
- 5) **Visitors:** Chair Marissa Mims recognizes all visitors. Chair Marissa Mims offers visitors the opportunity to speak/ask questions and they declined.
- 6) **Chair's report:** No Chair's report.
- 7) **Administrator's report:** No Administrator's report.
- 8) **Discussion:**  
Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers told the JCOC the Onondaga County Justice Center is currently interviewing for a new physician. Dr. Jerry Bartleson resigned.
- 9) **No executive session.**
- 10) **Motion to adjourn meeting: Approved 6-0.**
- 11) **Meeting ended at 5:41 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers on June 1, 2022.*



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Minutes from the August 3, 2022  
Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee  
**\*DRAFT – PENDING APPROVAL\***

**Committee members present:** Marissa Mims (Chair), Jeff Marier (vice chair), John Falge, Cassandra J. Ingram, JoAnne Spoto Decker

**Absent:** Greg Scammell, Tricia Wittkowski, Christine TenEyck

**Community members present:** None.

**County staff present:** JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy, Onondaga County Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams, and Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers

- 1) Opening:** Meeting began at 5:33 p.m.
- 2) Welcomes/introductions:** Chair Marissa Mims welcomes everyone.
- 3) Agenda:** Motion to approve August agenda. Approved 5-0
- 4) Minutes:** Motion to approve June minutes. Approved 5-0
- 5) Visitors:** None.
- 6) Chair's report:**
  - Chair Marissa Mims went over recommendations being turned in and the response from Chief Esteban Gonzalez.
  - Chair Marissa Mims asked committee if we should continue bimonthly meetings with the Sheriff's office. All JCOC members, the Chief Diversity Officer, and the JCOC Administrator discussed this.

**Discussion:**

- Committee discussed repeated ongoing Justice Center complaints.

**7) Administrator's report:**

- JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy discussed the 2021 Annual Report and future ones.

- The population at the Justice Center is a total of 487. The female population is 26. There are 0 COVID cases.
- There is a new doctor at the Justice Center.

**8) No executive session.**

**9) Motion to adjourn meeting: Approved 5-0.**

**11) Meeting ended at 6:30 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers on August 3, 2022.*



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**Minutes from the September 7, 2022**  
**Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee**

**Committee members present:** Marissa Mims (Chair), Jeff Marier (vice chair), Cassandra J. Ingram, JoAnne Spoto Decker, Tricia Wittkowski

**Absent:** Greg Scammell (moment of silence), John Falge, Christine TenEyck (resigned)

**Community members present:** County legislators Mary Kuhn and Peggy Chase and Community member Kathy Zabinski.

**County staff present:** JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy and Onondaga County Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams

- 1) Opening:** Meeting began at 5:35 p.m.
- 2) Welcomes/introductions:** Chairperson Marissa Mims
- 3) Agenda:** Motion to approve September agenda. Approved 5-0
- 4) Minutes:** Motion to approve August minutes. Approved 5-0
- 5) Visitors:** Introductions from the public
- 6) Chair's report:**
  - Chair Marissa Mims announced the JCOC has been invited to speak at the Sept. 12, 2022 Onondaga County Public Safety Committee meeting. Jeff Marier will see if he can attend the Monday meeting.

**Discussion:**

- JCOC members would like to get updates of recent complaints happening at the Justice Center. The human rights specialist Johanna Sellers will have time set aside to update the JCOC members on jail events.
- Committee member JoAnne Decker asked questions about the woman who gave birth at the Justice Center but who later lost her baby at the hospital. The state Attorney General's office is looking at the facts of

the case and will determine if the state AG will move forward with any further actions.

- Bimonthly meetings must be conducted as an open meeting. Montanette will alert the OCSO that future bimonthly meetings must happen as an open meeting.
- JCOC members would like to tour the Justice Center Jail again – post-Covid. Members would also like to see the SERT video that demonstrates how SERT moves happen and would like to do a sit in at the Justice Center.

**7) Administrator's report:**

- JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy discussed the population at the Justice Center: 388 total detainees; of that total 29 are female. There are 0 COVID cases.
- Administrator Murphy also gave an update on the JCOC candidate and interview to the JCOC. Candidate's name and resume was sent to the County Executive's office.

**8) No executive session.**

**9) Motion to adjourn meeting: Approved 5-0.**

**11) Meeting ended at 6:05 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Montanette Murphy on September 8, 2022.*



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Minutes from the October 5, 2022  
Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee

**Committee members present:** Jeff Marier (Vice Chair), Tricia Wittkowski, Cassandra J. Ingram, JoAnne Spoto Decker

**Absent:** Marissa Mims (Chair), John Falge

**Community members present:** None.

**County staff present:** JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy, Onondaga County Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams, and Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers

- 1) Opening:** Meeting began at 5:39 p.m.
- 2) Welcomes/introductions:** Human Rights Specialist welcomes everyone.
- 3) Moment of silence for Greg Scammell**
- 4) Agenda:** No September approval. No quorum.
- 5) Minutes:** No August approval. No quorum.
- 6) Visitors:** None.
- 7) Chair's report:** None.
- 8) Administrator's report:** None.
- 9) Human Rights Specialist report:**

**Population Count:**

Total = 392  
Males = 362  
Females = 30  
COVID cases = 1

**Intake calls (about) from 9/5/2022-10/4/2022:**

Grievances – 4  
Attorney/Legal – 8  
Medical – 11

Conditions – 13  
Deputies – 5  
Discipline – 9  
MAT Program – 5  
Bail – 2

**Discussion:**

- New toothbrushes at the Justice Center
- Hazardous conditions of the Justice Center
- Medical complaints and policies

**10) No executive session.**

**11) Meeting ended at 6:15 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers on October 5, 2022.*





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Meeting of the Justice Center Oversight Committee

**Committee members present:** Marissa Mims (Chair), Tricia Wittkowski, Cassandra J. Ingram

**Absent:** JoAnne Spoto Decker, Jeff Marier (Vice Chair), John Falge

**Community members present:** None.

**County staff present:** JCOC Administrator Montanette Murphy, Onondaga County Chief Diversity Officer Monica Williams, and Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers

- 1) Opening:** Meeting began at 5:45 p.m.
- 2) Welcomes/introductions:**
- 3) Agenda:** No October & November approval. No quorum.
- 4) Minutes:** No September & October approval. No quorum.
- 5) Visitors:** None.
- 6) Chair's report:** None.
- 7) Administrator's report:** None.
- 8) Human Rights Specialist report:**

**Population Count:**

Total = 389  
Males = 361  
Females = 28  
COVID cases = 1

**Intake calls (about) from 10/4/2022-11/1/2022:**

Grievances – 6  
Attorney/Legal – 7  
Medical – 9  
Conditions – 9  
Deputies – 5

Discipline – 2  
MAT Program – 3  
Bail – 0  
Food – 5  
Religious Accom. - 2

**Discussion:**

- Recap of the toothbrushes at the Justice Center
- Medical policy
- Should JCOC meetings happen quarterly instead of every month?

**9) No executive session.**

**11) Meeting ended at 6:22 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Human Rights Specialist Johanna Sellers on November 2, 2022.*