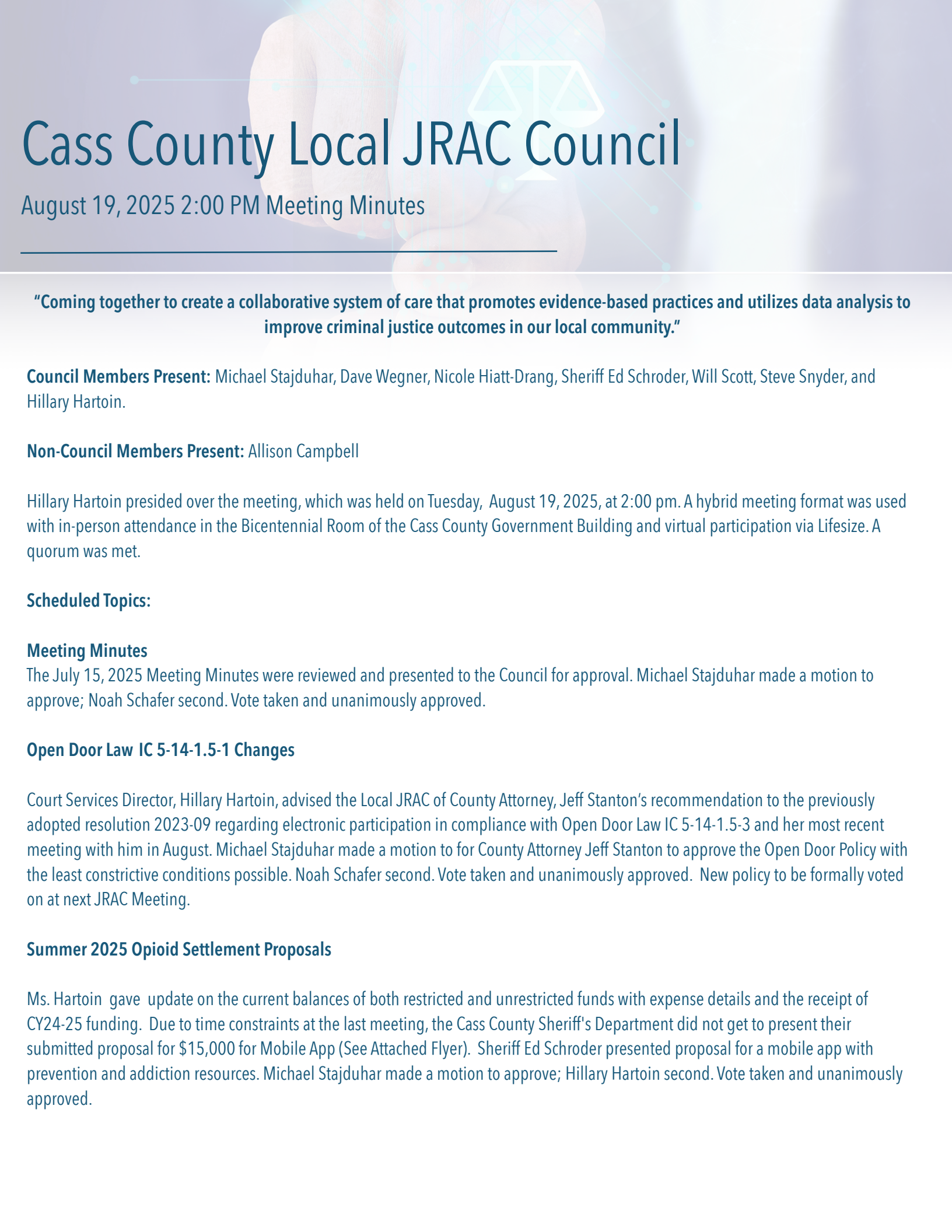




# Cass County Local JRAC Council

August 19, 2025 2:00 PM Meeting Minutes

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**"Coming together to create a collaborative system of care that promotes evidence-based practices and utilizes data analysis to improve criminal justice outcomes in our local community."**

**Council Members Present:** Michael Stajduhar, Dave Wegner, Nicole Hiatt-Drang, Sheriff Ed Schroder, Will Scott, Steve Snyder, and Hillary Hartoin.

**Non-Council Members Present:** Allison Campbell

Hillary Hartoin presided over the meeting, which was held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 2:00 pm. A hybrid meeting format was used with in-person attendance in the Bicentennial Room of the Cass County Government Building and virtual participation via Lifesize. A quorum was met.

## **Scheduled Topics:**

### **Meeting Minutes**

The July 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and presented to the Council for approval. Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve; Noah Schafer second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

### **Open Door Law IC 5-14-1.5-1 Changes**

Court Services Director, Hillary Hartoin, advised the Local JRAC of County Attorney, Jeff Stanton's recommendation to the previously adopted resolution 2023-09 regarding electronic participation in compliance with Open Door Law IC 5-14-1.5-3 and her most recent meeting with him in August. Michael Stajduhar made a motion to for County Attorney Jeff Stanton to approve the Open Door Policy with the least constrictive conditions possible. Noah Schafer second. Vote taken and unanimously approved. New policy to be formally voted on at next JRAC Meeting.

### **Summer 2025 Opioid Settlement Proposals**

Ms. Hartoin gave update on the current balances of both restricted and unrestricted funds with expense details and the receipt of CY24-25 funding. Due to time constraints at the last meeting, the Cass County Sheriff's Department did not get to present their submitted proposal for \$15,000 for Mobile App (See Attached Flyer). Sheriff Ed Schroder presented proposal for a mobile app with prevention and addiction resources. Michael Stajduhar made a motion to approve; Hillary Hartoin second. Vote taken and unanimously approved.

## **2026 JPAR SIM Grant**

Court Services Director, Hillary Hartoin, advised the Council that the CY26 IOCS JPAR SIM Grant was submitted in May and is seeking to increase funding and services covered under the grant umbrella. Funding is designated for CPCC's Therapeutic Division, as well as therapeutic services for Pretrial Services and Juvenile Probation. Additional funding has been historically awarded for competency evaluations for the Courts and EBP curriculum. Court Services is expecting an award announcement regarding this grant by late September.

## **Pretrial Services Coaching Model Update**

Director Hartoin gave the following update on the Coaching Model for Change Project:

Cass County Court & Pretrial Services distinguishes itself as the only pretrial agency in the country fully implementing the Coaching Model (CRMC). Unlike Community Corrections or Probation, our supervision extends beyond monthly compliance checks; it incorporates cognitive interventions, success planning, coaching strategies, skill-building, MI/ECMS, core correctional practices and reflective practices into each supervision appointment. Participants can be seen at any dosage, monthly, weekly, etc. We tailor our supervision to meet the individual needs of our clients while prioritizing public safety.

Recently, we held another training session with Dr. Lovins from Justice System Partners to kick off our Justice Systems Coaching Certification Training. Over the next six months, all pretrial staff will undergo training to become Certified Justice System Coaches through JSP. Additionally, we are excited to introduce the JSP AI Coaching Case Management Software, placing us among only two counties in the nation piloting this innovative tool.

## **New Jail Management System**

Sheriff Schroder provided the Council with a brief overview of our new jail management system, Jail Tracker, along with the advantages of transitioning to this platform.

## **Other Business & Council Comments**

No other business or council comments.

## **Adjourn**

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Noah Schafer; Ed Schroder second. Vote taken and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted ,

*/s/Hillary Hartoin*

Hillary Hartoin

Director, Cass County Court Services

JRAC Chair