

CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL OF THE PIKES PEAK REGION

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - NAME

Section 1 Name

This Council shall be known as the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council of the Pikes Peak Region (CJCC or Council).

Section 2 Authorization

The CJCC of the Pikes Peak Region (Council) is created by authorization of the El Paso Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) pursuant to Resolution No. 83-372, Gen. 81, adopted December 12, 1983. The Council shall have all of the rights, duties, obligations and protections afforded by operation under the authority of El Paso County. The Council shall follow the directives and policies of El Paso County.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES

Section 1 Purpose

The purpose of the Council shall be to review criminal justice matters in the Pikes Peak region and to make recommendations to the El Paso County Board of Commissioners and criminal justice agencies concerning criminal justice system issues.

Section 2 Objectives

- A. Provide a forum for interagency coordination on criminal justice matters.
- B. Research, analyze, evaluate, and develop innovative planning recommendations regarding criminal justice matters.
- C. Oversee the collection of criminal justice data for use by the Council, agencies, and departments.
- D. Analyze past and current El Paso County Criminal Justice Center (CJC) populations and develop recommendations to address capacity issues at the CJC.
- E. Identify gaps and deficiencies in the criminal justice system and make recommendations to address service gaps.
- F. Make recommendations that will help control the costs of managing offenders.
- G. Evaluate and recommend crime prevention and early intervention programs that will help reduce recidivism.
- H. Increase community understanding and support for the criminal justice system.
- I. Seek grants that will support the enhancement of the criminal justice system.
- J. Support a holistic community approach to criminal justice by involving law enforcement, judicial services, behavior health, housing, employment, and other social services to address criminal justice needs.
- K. Make recommendations on proposed legislation that will impact the criminal justice system in our region.

* Judicial Officers will withdraw from participation on individual issues/projects as appropriate under the Colorado Code of Judicial Conduct.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Members

The CJCC will consist of the following members or their designees:

Board of County Commissioners / Liaison Commissioner
El Paso County Sheriff
District Attorney for the 4th Judicial District
Chief Judge, 4th Judicial District
County Administrator, El Paso County
Director, Pikes Peak Workforce Center
Dean, School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs
Teller County Board of Commissioners Representative
President and Chief Executive Officer, Discover Goodwill
President and Chief Executive Officer, AspenPointe
President and Chief Executive Officer, Springs Rescue Mission
Chief Executive Officer, Community Health Partnership
Chair, El Paso County Community Corrections Board
Mayor, City of Colorado Springs
Chief Municipal Judge from the City of Colorado Springs
Chair, El Paso County Pretrial Services Committee
Chief Probation Officer, 4th Judicial District
Deputy State Public Defender
Parole Manager, Colorado Springs
Chief of Police, Colorado Springs Police Department
Chief of Police, City / Town Representative
Director, EPC Department of Human Services
Director, EPC Department of Community Services
Citizen At Large

Section 2 Appointment and Selection of Members

Council members shall be appointed by the Board of County Commissioners for a three year term and are eligible for reappointment. No citizen member shall serve more than two successive full terms on the CJCC.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1 Election

The Officers shall consist of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Second Vice-Chair Person. The Chairperson and Vice Chairpersons shall be elected by a vote of the Council members at the first meeting of each year of the Council.

Section 2 Duties

The Chairperson shall conduct the meetings in accordance with the normal duties of a Chairperson and shall exercise the normal functions of a Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall conduct meetings in the absence of the Chairperson and shall exercise the normal functions of the Chairperson. In the absence of the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson, the second Vice-Chairperson shall perform the above function.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1 Council Meetings

Meetings of the Council shall be conducted quarterly (four times per year). The place, time, and agenda shall be set by the Chairperson. A quorum will be at least twelve voting members at a respective meeting. Members may participate telephonically at meetings. All Council meetings are subject to, and shall comply with, the Colorado Open Meetings laws.

Section 2 Special Meetings

The Chairperson or a majority of the Council members may call a special meeting outside the Council's regular meeting schedule provided that five days notice is provided to all Council members. All special meetings are subject to, and shall comply with, the Colorado Open Meeting laws.

Section 3 Agendas

The Chairperson will coordinate the development of meeting agenda and associated materials. The meeting packet will be distributed to members at least three (3) days prior to the respective meeting.

Section 4 Staff Support

Staff support shall be provided by the El Paso County Community Services Department and will include preparing and distributing the agenda packets, preparing meeting minutes, and preparing requested reports for the Council.

Section 5 Voting

Parliamentary procedures will not be required as a normal practice of decision making. Respectful dialogue and consensus decision-making are the preferred method for conducting Council business. In the event a decision cannot be achieved through consensus or when a recommendation is being made to the Board of County Commissioners, the Chairperson will bring the matter to a vote. If applicable, the appointed committee member or his / her designee may vote for the respective agency.

ARTICLE VI – COMMITTEES

Committees shall be appointed by the Chairperson as needed. Members of a committee do not need to be a member of the Council.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Amendments

The CJCC bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners.

Adopted: 1983

Amended: September 1987; May 1989; June 1993; December 1996; December 1997; February 1998; February 2000; July 2000; March 2006, June, 2017