

**North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network  
Governing Board Meeting  
Thursday, January 12, 2023, 9:00 AM  
901 Corporate Center Drive  
Magnolia Conference Room  
Raleigh, North Carolina**

**CJIN Governing Board Members Present:**

Charles Blackwood  
William Bryan  
Joe Burns  
Crystal Combs  
Tare Davis

Laura Fahnestock  
Wayne Goodwin  
Daniel Kiger  
Steve Lingerfelt  
Vanessa Martinucci

Ivy McMillan  
Kimberly Quintus  
Tyrone Sutton  
Dean Tolson  
Torre Jessup

**CJIN Staff:**

LaVonda Fowler

Emilee Parker

**Guests:**

Vinay Kancharla  
Nitya Gawapathy  
Michelle Beck

Caroline Valand  
Macy Googe  
Michael Williams

Linda Hodgson  
Dennis Reynolds  
Steve Ginter

**Meeting Called to Order**

CJIN Chairman Steve Lingerfelt Called the North Carolina Criminal Justice Information Network (CJIN) Governing Board meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**Panel Discussion with Judicial Personnel**

Chairman Lingerfelt introduced retired District Court Judge Joe Buckner who acted as the facilitator for a panel discussion of NC Administrative Office of the Courts personnel regarding the CJIN Electronic GPS Monitoring Program.

Judge Buckner gave a brief introduction of himself to the board and guests before moving into a summarization of the history of the CJIN Electronic GPS Monitoring Program. Judge Buckner introduced Judge Allen of Alamance County who joined the meeting via WebEx. Judge Allen pointed out Steve Ginter who joined the meeting in person who organizes and supervises the program in the county. In talking about the program, Judge Allen stated that the program has been excellent and should be moved to a statewide program. It was stated by Judge Allen that domestic violence cases are

some of the most difficult and the program allows for additional protection of victims as well as the defendant.

Dr. Fowler invited board members and guests for any questions they may have for Judge Allen.

Joe Burns asked a question and engaged in discussion with Judge Allen and Judge Buckner.

Judge Buckner introduced Steve Ginter from Alamance County who gave a brief description of how the County implemented the program. Mr. Ginter expressed his confidence in the program for protecting both alleged victims and defendants.

Judge Buckner invited the board members and guests for any questions they may have for Steve Ginter.

Judge Buckner engaged in discussion with Steve Ginter and Judge Allen. The discussion included how the program allows for the live tracking of defendants via the 24-hour call center and the flexibility for setting a lower bond in conjunction with the program to allow defendants to get back to their daily activities including work/school.

Judge Buckner engaged in discussion with Joe Burns and Dr. Fowler regarding how the monitoring program came under the management of the CJIN Board.

### **Ethics Awareness**

Chairman Lingerfelt informed the Board that per NC State Ethics Commission guidelines; all Board members are required to attend an ethics training course at least every two years. He stated that the course offerings and locations are available on the Ethics Commission website.

Chairman Lingerfelt gave an ethics reminder that is required to be presented at the beginning of any Board meeting. He read into record the following, "In accordance with G.S. 138A-15, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearance of conflict. Does any Board member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved."

Kimberly Quintus read into the record that she "fulfills the role of representative of the Department of Public Safety, her spouse is employed by Red Hat and holds a financial interest in IBM. Therefore Ms. Quintus has potential for a conflict of interest and should exercise appropriate cautions in performance of public duty should issues involving any entity in which she or her spouse own a financial interests come before the board for official action. I will promise to exercise appropriate caution."

Chairman Lingerfelt also reminded the Board Members that their Statement of Economic Interest documents are due prior to April 15<sup>th</sup> and that they can be completed manually or electronically, please see LaVonda regarding any questions.

### **Panel Discussion with Judicial Personnel Continued**

Judge Buckner introduced Judge Vincent of Guilford County.

Judge Vincent briefly told the board members and guests about her experience with the CJIN Electronic GPS Monitoring Program. Judge Vincent agreed with Judge Allen that the program has been a positive for the judicial district allowing for the tracking of defendants proving to be more effective than restraining orders due to the constant monitoring.

Judge Buckner asked if there were any questions from the board members or guests for Judge Vincent.

Judge Vincent engaged in discussion with Judge Buckner regarding the effectiveness of the program in Guilford County, including how the county went from 14 domestic violence involved murders in 6 months to 0 in the almost two years the program has been in use.

Dr. Fowler asked a question of Judge Buckner. Judge Buckner responded with an explanation of the technical difference between the CJIN Electronic GPS Monitoring Program and other monitoring programs that may be in use.

Chairman Lingerfelt asked a series of questions and engaged in discussion with Judge Buckner.

Joe Burns asked a question regarding the funding of the program and engaged in discussion regarding funding and operation with Dr. Fowler, Judge Buckner, and Caroline Valand with NC Department of Public Safety.

Torre Jessup with NC Department of Information Technology asked a technical question and engaged in discussion with Judge Buckner and Steve Ginter.

Judge Buckner concluded the discussion and thanked attendees for their participation.

### **Board Activities and Announcements**

Chairman Lingerfelt noted that there are some new members of the CJIN Board including Paul Butler, Dean Tolson, and Commissioner Wayne Goodwin. Chairman Lingerfelt offered for the new board members present to introduce themselves. Commissioner Goodwin of the NCDMV, joining the meeting on WebEx, gave a brief introduction. His introduction was followed by Dean Tolson, Dare County Clerk of Court, also giving a brief introduction to present board members and guests.

Chairman Lingerfelt acknowledged the CJIN Advisory Board members who were present and thanked them for their continued support.

Chairman Lingerfelt reminded everyone that the CJIN Website and Facebook have been updated.

### **Folder Materials**

Chairman Lingerfelt stated that the following items were contained in their folders: Meeting Agenda, Draft Minutes from the October 13, 2022, Meeting, copy of the CJIN Statute, and a copy of the MOU between CJIN and NCDPS.

Chairman Lingerfelt also noted that Travel Request Forms were available if needed, and that the presentations from the meeting will be posted on the CJIN website.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Joe Burns motioned to approve the October 13, 2022, meeting minutes with changes made to reflect board members present. Laura Fahnestock seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### **Meeting Format**

Chairman Lingerfelt states that the meeting format will include a few more programs. There was a shift in the meeting format to accommodate the panel with Judicial Personnel. The additional program includes an update from North Carolina State Crime Lab Director Vanessa Martinucci, an update from Vinay Kancharla with the NC Government Data Analysis Center on eCourts Migration, as well as reviewing the CJIN Annual Report and the CJIN Electronic GPS Monitoring Report.

### **Update from NC State Crime Lab Director**

Director Martinucci provided an update on the remote testimony that the NC State Crime Lab has begun as well as the timeline. Toxicologists with the NC State Crime Lab now have a program allowing them to spend more time in the laboratory rather than traveling and waiting before testifying. The NC State Crime Lab has partnered with the Chief Justices Remote Proceedings Task Force to create a State Lab Subcommittee to allow for a variety of individuals to provide input to how the remote proceedings should take place. Currently they are working on guidance documents to help different counties plan the best course of action for how to handle toxicologist remote testimony. At this point they have met with 16 counties and provided remote testimony for 3 of those counties.

Director Martinucci asked the board members and guests if there were any questions and concluded her presentation.

## **Annual Reports and MOU from DPS**

### **CJIN Annual Report**

Chairman Lingerfelt addressed the two annual reports. The CJIN Annual Report and CJIN Electronic GPS Monitoring Report.

Dr. Fowler stated that there had been no updates to the report aside from addition summarizing the remote testimony update provided by Vanessa Martinucci during her presentation.

Dan Kiger motioned to approve the annual report. Laura Fahnestock seconded the motion.

Joe Burns asked a question. A discussion occurred involving Dr. Fowler, Joe Burns, Charles Blackwood, and Chairman Lingerfelt.

Chairman Lingerfelt amended the motion to approval of the annual report with changes. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CJIN Electronic GPS Monitoring Report**

Chairman Lingerfelt proposed a motion to approve the CJIN Electronic GPS Monitoring Report.

Joe Burns made a comment.

The motion was amended to approval of the CJIN Electronic GPS Monitoring Report with changes.

Laura motioned to approve with changes. Tyrone Sutton seconded the motion.

The motion to approve the CJIN Electronic GPS Monitoring Program with changes passed unanimously.

### **MOU**

Chairman Lingerfelt introduced the next item for discussion, the Memorandum of Understanding between CJIN and NCDPS.

A discussion occurred between Joe Burns, Dr. Fowler, Tare Davis, Charles Blackwood, and Caroline Valand.

Laura Fahnestock motioned to approve the MOU. Charles Blackwood seconded the motion.

The motion to pass the MOU between CJIN and NCDPS passed.

### **Update from GDAC on eCourts Migration**

Vinay Kincharla and Nitya Gawapathy provided an update on CJ Leads migration to eCourts. They are expected to go live with the eCourts pilot counties on February 13<sup>th</sup>. They are confident in the progress that the data migration has had from the 30+ year old legacy system (Odessey) to a cloud-based system. Unlike eWarrants that went live statewide last year, the eCourts system will go live first with the four pilot counties and then the other 96 counties will be incorporated over a period of two years in different phases.

Vinay Kincharla engaged in discussion with Chairman Lingerfelt, Charles Blackwood, and Linda Hodgson.

### **New Business**

Chairman Lingerfelt asked if there was any new business.

Chairman Lingerfelt raised for discussion the letter sent by Charles Blackwood to Secretary Eddie Buffaloe of NCDPS that was then shared with the board via email.

A discussion occurred between Chairman Lingerfelt, Charles Blackwood, Tyrone Sutton, Laura Fahnestock, Crystal Cody, Joe Burns, Linda Hodgson, and Kimberly Quintus.

Following the discussion Charles Blackwood stated that it was his last day serving on the CJIN Board.

Kim Quintus made a motion that the board hold a planning session to clarify and adjust the mission of the board. Joe Burns Seconded the Motion. The motion passed.

Joe Burns made a motion that board documents are sent out one week before voting. Torre Jessup seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Chairman Lingerfelt notified the board that normally officers are changed every 2 years, but that due to COVID, it had been more than 2 years since new offices were chosen. Chairman Lingerfelt stated that at the next board meeting there will be elections for officers.

Chairman Lingerfelt asked if there was any other new business to discuss.

Dr. Fowler reminded the Board of the next meeting March 30, 2023.

Chairman Lingerfelt adjourned the meeting at 11:54 AM.