

MINUTES

CRIMINAL & JUVENILE JUSTICE INFORMATION AND BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES

November 25, 2025

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

BCA

Attendees

Advisory Group Members:	Organization
Abraha, Alex	Public Member
Bartell, Diane	BCA
Beaumaster, Paul	Minnesota County Attorneys Association
Bigham, Karla	Minnesota Association of Counties
Bodie, Marv	Minnesota Association of Counties
Brewer, Angela	Minnesota Association of Counties
Carlson, Barbara	Public Member
Charles, Kellie	2 nd Judicial District
Cornelius, Rachel	Minnesota County Attorneys Association
Densley, James	Public Member
Duwe, Grant	Minnesota Department of Corrections
Evjen, Jesse	Minnesota Sheriffs Association
Feist, Sandra	House of Representatives
Frank, Matthew	4 th Judicial District
Gronvall, Tamar	Department of Administration
Gustafson, Heather	Senate
Heck, Troy	Minnesota Sheriffs Association
Henderson, Pancho	MNIT
Hibbs, Brian	Minnesota Association of Community Corrections
Hoyle, Kathleen	Board of Public Defense
Kampa Jaszewski, Karen	Judicial Branch
Knaak, Fritz	League of MN Cities
Mastin, Mike	Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association
Monson, Reyna	Public Member
Nolting, Katie	League of MN Cities
Ramlo, Jon	Minnesota Association of Counties
Reitz, Nate	MN Sentencing Guidelines Commission
Pavlov-Shapiro, Anya	Attorney General
Siolka, Lindsay	Board of Public Defense
Westcott, Evonn	Minnesota Association of County Probation Officers
Willert, Amy	Minnesota Association for Court Management

Evans, Drew	BCA
Mike Ernster	BCA
Gotz, Dana	BCA
Sanchez, Angie	BCA
Dressen, Stefanie	BCA
Bergan, Zachary	BCA

Welcome and Introductory Items

Advisory Group Chair Paul Beaumaster called the meeting to order. Introductions were made among those attending. Beaumaster made a motion to approve the previous meeting's minutes. Approval of the minutes was discussed, focusing on a prior motion to address bylaws early in the agenda. The minutes were approved with an added note regarding agenda order. A motion passed to move the bylaws discussion to the start of the agenda.

Bylaws Discussion and Proposed Amendments

The group discussed several bylaw topics, including clarification of membership and officer roles, the 30-day notice requirement for bylaw changes, the biennial report process, attendance expectations, and officer succession. Members agreed to retain the 30-day notice requirement despite current practices often providing materials later and clarified that the biennial report process includes circulating drafts by email for member feedback.

Proposed attendance language would limit members to no more than two consecutive missed meetings while encouraging in-person attendance with flexibility for remote participation or extenuating circumstances. Officer succession and vacancy procedures were identified as unclear and in need of more detailed specification. Members were encouraged to submit further amendments via group email.

Behavioral Threat Assessment Management and Overview

Assistant Special Agent in Charge Stephanie Dressen provided an overview of the BCA's Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management (BTAM) team, describing its origin, mission, four-member structure, and integration with local, private, and public sector partners statewide. She explained that BTAM focuses on identifying and managing individuals who exhibit concerning behaviors that could escalate into targeted violence, such as domestic or workplace violence, stalking, or threats against officials.

The presentation outlined the "Pathway to Violence" model, which tracks stages from grievance and violent ideation through planning and preparation, using examples such as school and workplace incidents. Dressen noted that BTAM relies on open-source information, operates separately from the Fusion Center, and receives referrals from law enforcement, schools, families, the private sector, and individuals, working closely with local jurisdictions on prevention and case management. Training is a major emphasis, with hundreds trained statewide through courses, newsletters, and resource materials. Case examples highlighted BTAM's effectiveness, with no

targeted violence occurring among approximately 100 individuals assessed over the past two years.

Group discussion raised privacy and reporting concerns, particularly for non-criminal matters, and BTAM stressed its focus on prevention rather than punishment. Participants also noted the value of coordinating with the statewide Extreme Risk Protection Order coordinator, improving information flow with universities, and providing clearer guidance and training on warning signs, underscoring the need to share the right information with the right people at the right time.

Clean Slate Automated Expungement Update

Legal Counsel Karen Jaszewski of the Minnesota Judicial Branch provided an overview of automatic expungement under the Cannabis Act and the Clean Slate Act. She explained that the BCA identifies qualifying records and notifies the courts, which then seal the records after 60 days unless prohibited by court order. The sealing process is fully electronic and does not involve individual court orders.

As of the meeting, more than one million Clean Slate notices had been received, resulting in 568,477 expunged cases, more than 44,000 cannabis-related cases had been expunged, with some gaps remaining due to data limitations. Expunged records are accessible only to the parties involved in the case.

BCA Superintendent Update

Superintendent Drew Evans provided updates on DataMaster (DMT) equipment issues, crime data, and policy initiatives.

DMT instrument issues were discussed after errors in dry gas cylinder replacement caused incorrect controls in some instruments. The BCA made changes by restricting servicing of DMT instruments to BCA staff only, reviewing all affected cases and confirming that most tests remained within acceptable tolerance.

Statewide violent crime trends show progress toward the goal of reducing rates below 2019 levels, with 2025 numbers trending downward statewide and in the seven-county metro area.

Forensic backlogs are historically low, except in chemical drug testing where volume and complexity are increasing, and additional focus is being placed on non-fatal shooting teams and violence interrupter models.

Policy and legislative initiatives included talk of high volumes of child sexual abuse material investigations straining the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Search warrant procedures for digital evidence. Continued effort to criminalize child-like sex dolls. Policy proposals to expand subpoena authority in fraud cases, extend statutes of limitations for financial crimes and technical changes in record keeping allowing for unsealing after improper sealing.

BCA Mankato facility construction has begun, and opening date is planned for March 2027.

Crime Data Explorer Demonstration

BCA Uniform Crime Reporting Administrator Zachary Bergan demonstrated the Crime Data Explorer (CDE) publicly available on the BCA's website. The CDE tool offers near real-time, statewide crime data collected by Minnesota police agencies via NIBRS (National Incident Based Reporting Systems) and aligns with FBI reporting standards. Users can filter trends by offense, location, demographics and more. Downloading datasets for custom analysis can also be done, but some details are limited (e.g., no public latitude/longitude, no conviction data). Supplemental reports available on CDE contain data on no-knock warrants, firearm discharges, pursuits, use of force, and vehicle tracker warrants. The use of enhanced technology to analyze the data is not currently supported but is open for future consideration.

February Agenda Items

- Request for members to send in possible agenda topics for February meeting.
- Artificial intelligence (AI) mentioned as a possible subject.

Next Meeting:

March 3, 2026

The meeting was adjourned.