

Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board

Board Meeting

March 31, 2026

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of December Meeting Minutes
3. OCA Announcements
4. 2025 Annual Report
 - Review & Discussion of Feedback/Edits
 - Motion to Approve & Submit to Legislature
5. Board Member Updates
6. Data Discussions

Open Meeting Law Requirements

The JJPAD Board (and Subcommittees) is a **public body** that abides by the [Open Meeting Law](#) (OML) to ensure the public has knowledge about the considerations underlying governmental action.

Every two years, the OCA is required to provide public body members:

- Educational materials on the OML
- Certification form
- AGO determinations of any violations to OML (N/A)

In the next few weeks, Board members will receive educational materials and a certification form to sign within two weeks of receipt.

2025 JJPAD Annual Report

Should Pretrial Conditions of Release Category A (PTCOR A) and Pretrial Conditions of Release Category B (PTCOR B) cases be presented together or separately in the report?

Option 1: Separate PTCOR A and PTCOR B cases into two distinct charts.

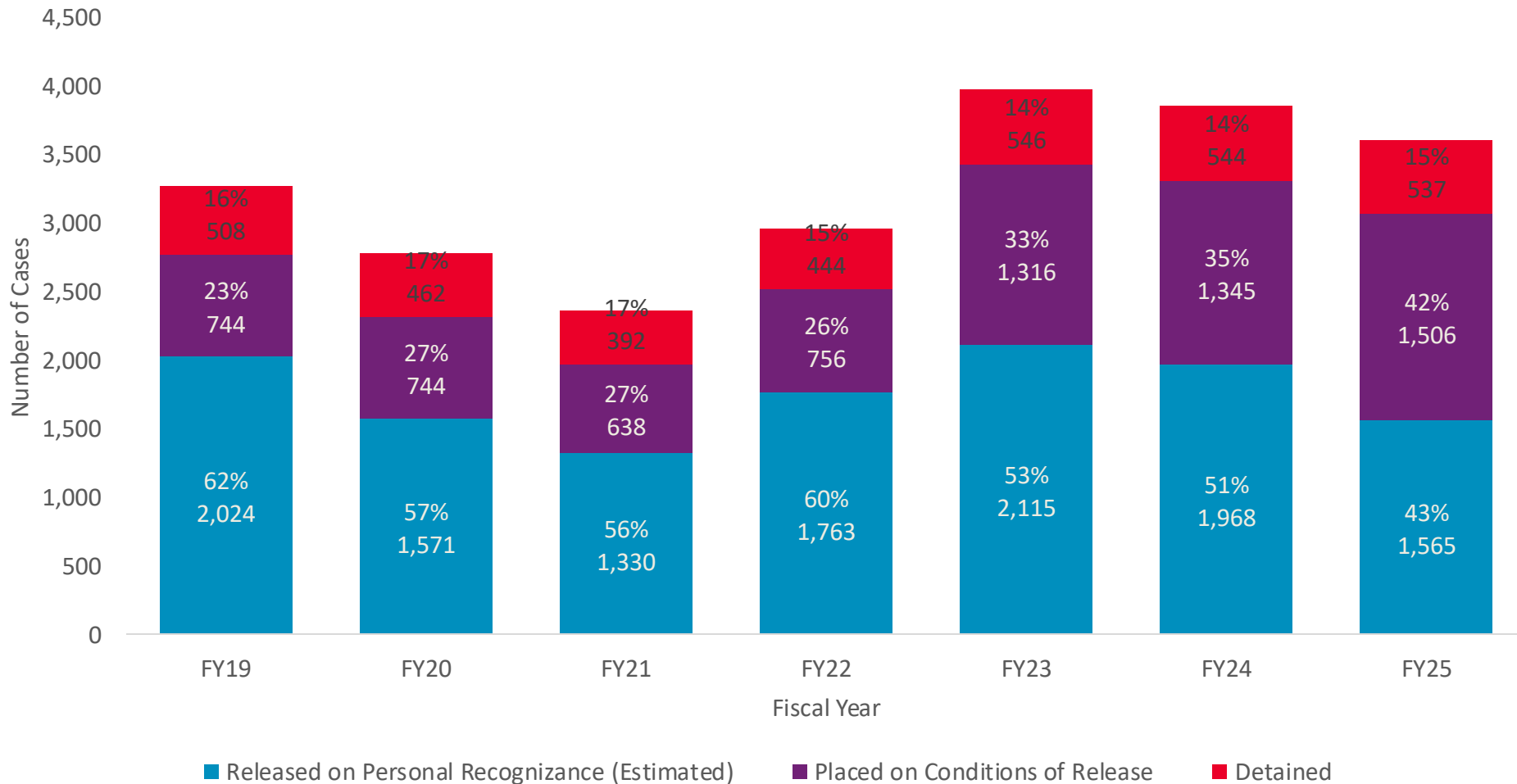
- PTCOR A and PTCOR B cases are operationally distinct in meaningful ways (monitored at a statewide level vs. supervised by local probation officers)
- MPS does not report PTCOR A cases on their public dashboard, leading to possible confusion

Option 2: Present PTCOR A and PTCOR B together with distinction between case types (current approach).

- Reflects the full population of youth who have pretrial conditions of release, distinguishing between the two categories through color-coding and narrative explanation
- Both categories involve pretrial conditions vs. the alternative of being released on Personal Recognizance
- Both categories involve the possibility of pretrial detention if a youth violates
- Consisted with how post-adjudication probation is presented in the report

Judicial Bail Decisions at Arraignment

Initial Bail Decisions (FY19-FY25)



Personal recognizance cases are an estimated calculation by OCA by subtracting the number of COR and from the total number of cases not held at arraignment reported by the Trial Court on its public dashboards.

Source: FY25 data excludes expunged cases. Data on youth not detained and detained at the initial arraignment appearance retrieved 11/12/2025 from the Massachusetts Trial Court's Tableau Public page here:

<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/drap4687/viz/MassachusettsJuvencourtDelinquencyInitialBailDecisions/InitialDecisionbyDivision>.

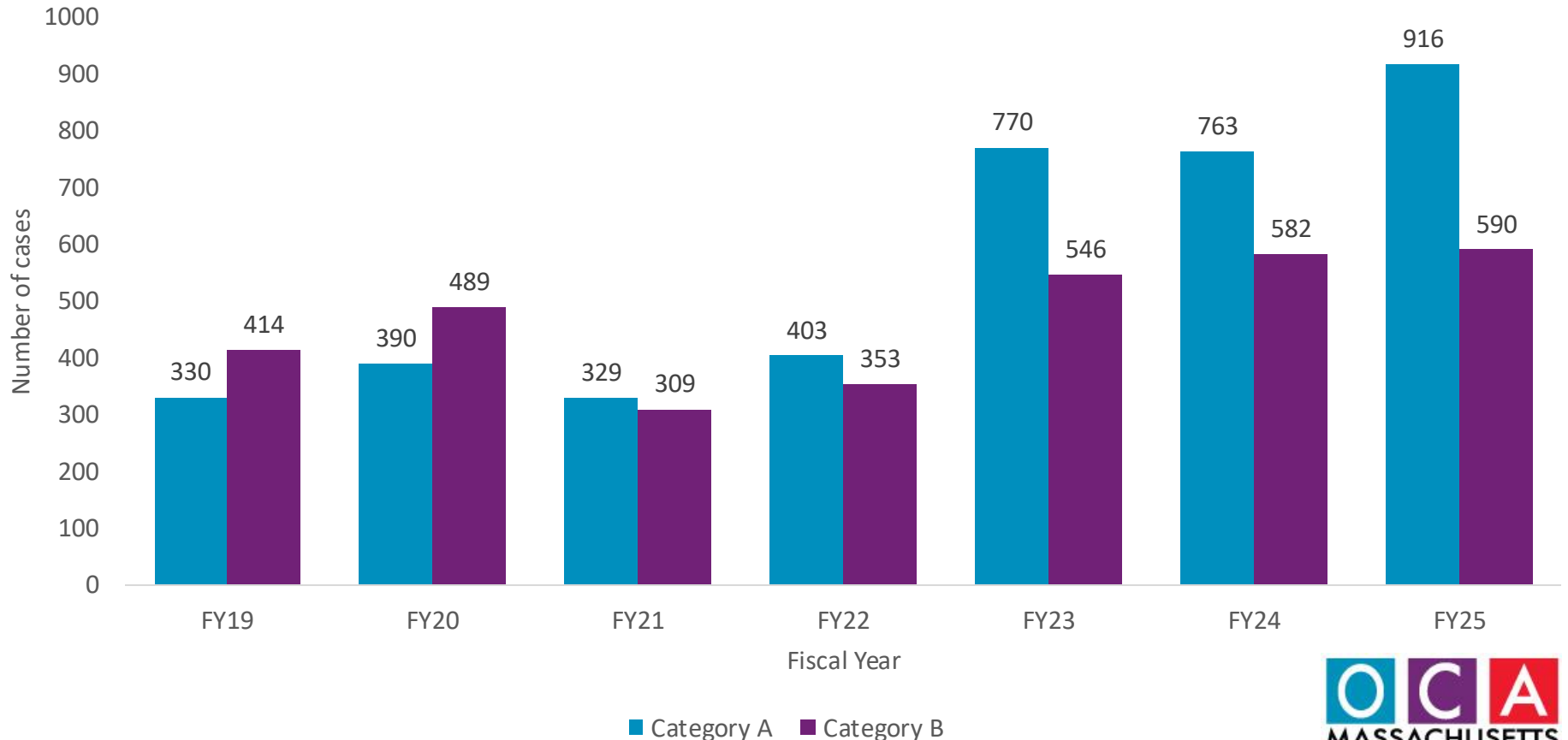
Data on conditions of release provided to the OCA by the Massachusetts Probation Service.



Option 1 – Separate out Cat A & B

Growth in the use of pretrial conditions of release is driven primarily by increases in Category A monitoring, which means youth are given conditions but not actively supervised by a local probation office or probation officer. However, if the youth does not comply with a condition and probation identifies that noncompliance, a prosecutor may ask the court that the youth be detained pretrial.

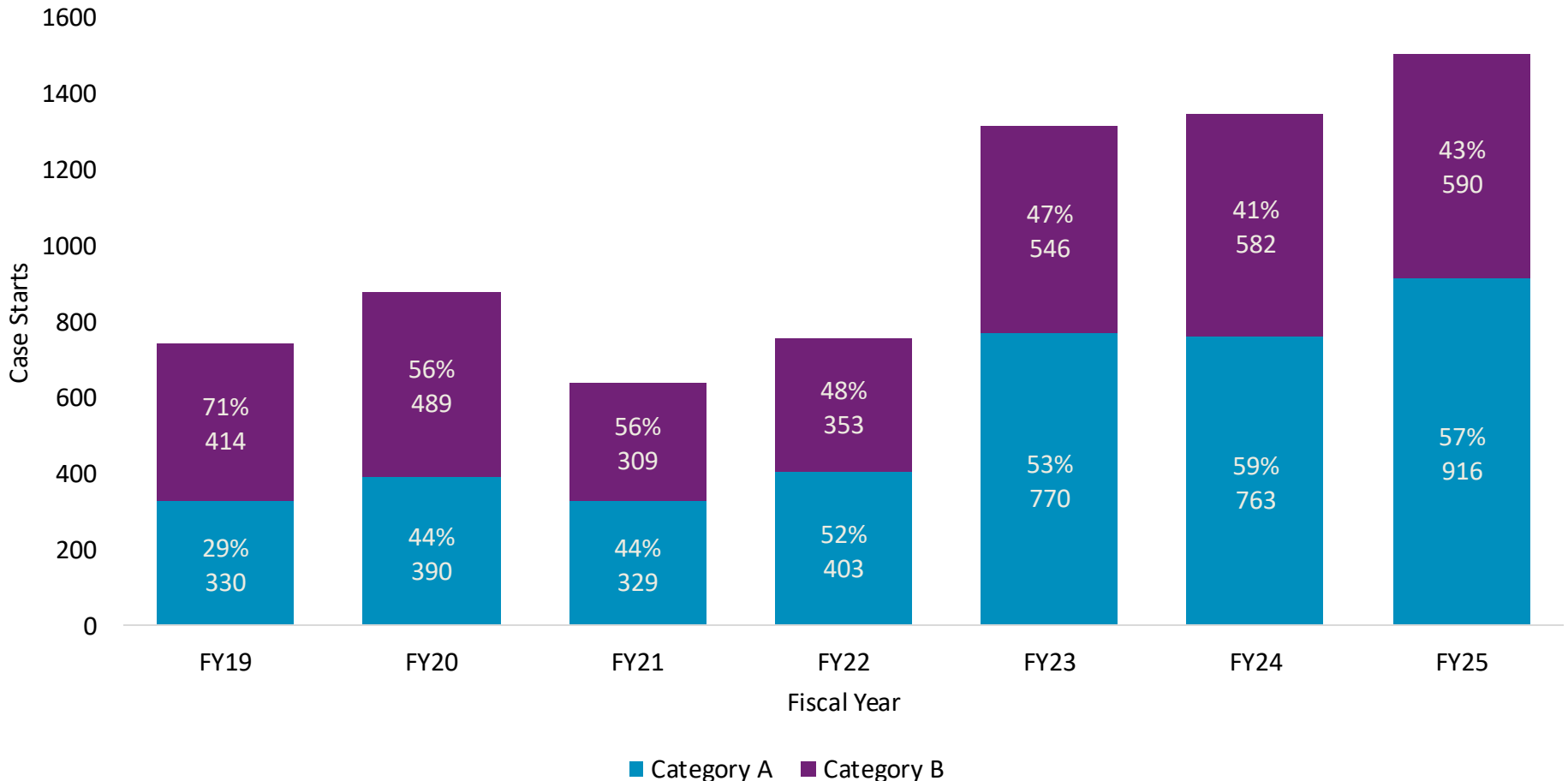
Pretrial Conditions of Release Cases by Supervision/Monitoring Category (FY19-FY25)*



Option 2 – Show Cat A/B Combined Total

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Pretrial Conditions of Release Cases by Supervision/Monitoring Category (FY19-FY25)*



Roll Call Vote

Member Name	Affiliation/Appointing Organization
Maria Mossaides, Child Advocate, Chair	Office of the Child Advocate
Representative Tram Nguyen	House of Representatives (Speaker of the House)
Senator Adam Gomez	State Senate (Senate President)
Senator Patrick O'Connor	State Senate (Minority Leader)
Thomas Capasso, Deputy Court Administrator	Juvenile Court
Joseph Abber, Juvenile Court Department Statewide Supervisor	Massachusetts Probation Service
Cecely Reardon, Commissioner	Department of Youth Services
Rebecca Brink, Asst. Commissioner, Program Support	Department of Children and Families
Julia Andrus First Deputy General Counsel	
Bridget Nichols, Manager of Juvenile Forensic Services	Department of Mental Health
Heidi Gold, Director of Policy for Data and Integrated Education & Human Services	Executive Office of Education
Keesha LaTulippe, Deputy Director of Healthy Youth and Violence and Injury Prevention	Department of Public Health
Dulcinea Goncalves, Deputy Chief Counsel Youth Advocacy Division	Committee for Public Counsel Services
Rachel Gwaltney, Executive Director	Children's League of Massachusetts
Leon Smith, Executive Director	Citizens for Juvenile Justice
Laura Miller, Director of District Courts, Middlesex District Attorney's Office	Massachusetts District Attorney Association
Dawn Christie, Youth Advocate, RFK Community Alliance Dorchester	Parent of child who has been subject to Juvenile Court jurisdiction (2)
Latoya Nicholas, Family Partner for the Southeast Region, Department of Youth Services	
David Whitham, Deputy Secretariat Chief Information Officer, Executive Office of Health and Human Services	Individual with experience or expertise related to design and implementation of state administrative data systems
Daniel Wolski, Chief of Police, Winchendon Massachusetts	Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association
Awaiting New Appointment	Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee
Awaiting New Appointment	House of Representatives (Minority Leader)

Board Member Updates

- Are there any new initiatives the group should be aware of?
- Does your agency/org have any new policies or standard practices the group should know about?
- Are you hosting/attending any upcoming events relevant to this group?
- Anything else you wish to share with the group?

Data Discussion

1. Count off by 4
2. Go to your assigned table
3. You'll have 15 min. to discuss each takeaway & respond to the questions prompts
4. OCA staff will transcribe the discussion and assist in facilitation when needed
5. After 15 minutes, the OCA staff member will move to the next table and a new OCA staff member will sit down at your table with a new Key Data Takeaway to discuss.

Data Discussion

KEY TAKEAWAY 4: Alleged weapons-related offenses are increasing at multiple stages

KEY TAKEAWAY 6: More than two-thirds of cases are dismissed -- indicating significant opportunities to divert youth from the process earlier

Work Plans

Full Board

Summer
(Tentative)

- DIY Data Presentation and case file review

Fall
(Tentative)

- Review and discuss DIY report findings and recommendations

CBI Subcommittee

Winter

- MA current landscape for crossover youth

Spring

- DIY Data Presentation
- Review and discuss dual status case file review
- Draft findings

Summer

- Review and discuss dual status best practice research
- Review and discuss literature review resource

Fall

- Review and discuss dual status recommendations
- Finalize report for Board

Data Subcommittee

Spring/Summer

- Dual Status Data Presentation

Summer

- Dual status case file review analysis
- Review and discuss dual status youth data report

Childhood Trauma Task Force

Spring/Summer

Research training requirements and opportunities for MA healthcare providers re: trauma-informed care as a first step to addressing the Gov's Council recommendation: to "improve access to trauma-informed care training for medical and behavioral health clinicians who work with youth and families"

Subcommittee Upcoming Meeting Dates

Subcommittee	2026 meeting schedule
Data	Next meeting ~Mid-late June pending data
CBI	Monthly on the 4 th Monday of each month 11am-12:30pm
CTTF	Next meeting June 15 th 1-2:30pm



Next Meeting

TBD–virtual ~ July 2026



(All meetings are virtual; Zoom information is in each calendar invitation)

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