

**IN THE THIRD DISTRICT JUVENILE COURT
SALT LAKE COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH**

**STANDING ORDER RE:
BIFURCATED CHILD WELFARE
PROCEEDINGS**

Judge Monica Diaz

Pursuant to Rule 3-105(1)(B) of the Utah Judicial Council Code of Judicial Administration, the Court issues this Standing Order re: Bifurcated Child Welfare Proceedings for the courtroom of Judge Monica Diaz (“the Court”).

When the State intends to motion the Court to terminate a child welfare proceeding by granting permanent custody and guardianship/custody to one parent, rather than both parents, or permanent custody and guardianship to a non-parent and the parents proceedings have been bifurcated, the State shall give 14-days notice of its intent to the Court and parties.

Upon notice of the State’s intent, the Court shall consolidate the proceedings. The proceedings will be consolidated for a date and time that is acceptable to all parties. However, due to the prior need for bifurcation, all consolidated hearings will be held virtually via Webex.

The purpose of consolidation is to ensure: (1) equitable ability for both parents to address the Court before final orders are made; and (2) a clear understanding of Court orders that will withstand the termination of court jurisdiction.

DATED: April 30, 2026

BY THE COURT

Monica Diaz

Monica Diaz
Juvenile Court Judge

