

APPROVED EIGHTH VICTIMS' RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 07, 2025

Committee	Eighth District Victims' Rights Committee Meeting
Date Time Location	July 11, 2024 3:00-4:00 pm Virtual: https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/87366835769?pwd=QNAw4Rj9sUbbCbjb2Ztb4lZDMS4huz.1
Members Present	<u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Michael Harrington, Lindsey Garlick, Jaymon Thomas, Mark Watkins, Steve Labrum, Stephen Foote
Staff & Visitors	<u>Staff:</u> Katie Fox <u>Visitors:</u> None
Agenda Item	Welcome & Introductions/Establish Quorum - Michael Harrington
Notes	Michael Harrington welcomes everyone to the 8th District Victims' Rights Committee meeting. Motion: Steve Labrum motions for the committee to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2024 meeting as presented. Jaymon Thomas seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
Agenda Item	Review of Complaints
Notes	<p>1. C.L. Complaint</p> <p>The committee addressed a complaint received on June 9th, 2025, concerning Friends Against Family Violence (FAFV). The complaint alleged that a minor victim was pressured into disclosing information they did not wish to share, and that FAFV subsequently failed to report this information to law enforcement or DCFS (00:06:13). Lindsey Garlick noted that she previously served on FAFV's executive board and was aware of a similar situation, suggesting it might be the same incident (00:09:31). Steve Labrum and Jaymon Thomas confirmed awareness of a potential criminal investigation related to the incident, although they could not disclose details (00:10:54).</p> <p>The discussion centered on whether FAFV failed to report mandated information and if the victim's rights to fairness, respect, and dignity were violated. Michael Harrington and Lindsey Garlick both agreed that FAFV should have reported the information due to their training. Concerns were raised about the victim being pressured to disclose information and the accuracy of the reporting in a child protective order (00:07:50) (00:12:03). Lindsey Garlick explained that the advocate's certification level at FAFV could affect the interpretation of the incident, particularly regarding legal advice and liability for drafting protective orders (00:13:48).</p> <p>Katie Fox clarified that while some victim rights apply specifically to criminal justice agencies, the committee can still review complaints against outside organizations like FAFV, though these organizations are not legally required to respond or provide information (00:17:21). Stephen Foote suggested that the committee should focus on allowing the victim to be heard, as they have no power to sanction a non-government entity, but can offer education and recommendations (00:21:01). The committee agreed to move forward with a hearing, focusing on potential victim rights violations under statute 77-37 (00:22:10). Michael Harrington will draft a letter to the director of FAF, aiming for a supportive tone while addressing the need for improvement (00:23:23).</p> <p>Motions: Lindsey Garlick made a motion that the Committee find the complaint alleged a violation of the victims' rights and invite FAFV and C.L. to the next meeting. Mark Watkins seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Action Items: Michael Harrington will draft a letter to the director of Friends Against Family Violence to identify ways to improve, then get feedback from Katie Fox, and send it to the rest of the committee before contacting them. Michael Harrington will also draft a letter to C.L.</p>

	<p>inviting them to the next meeting. Katie Fox will send the letter to C.L. and coordinate their attendance.</p> <p>The group will refresh their knowledge of open meeting requirements by reviewing the state auditor's seven-minute video before the next meeting.</p>
Agenda Item	Future Meetings-Michael Harrington
	The committee discussed the next meeting. The committee determined that the next meeting would be held on Monday, August 18, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Given the seriousness of the complaint and C.L.'s potential distress, the committee agreed to hold the meeting in person in Vernal, to allow the victim's representative to feel fully heard.
Agenda Item	Public Comment
	No public comment was received during the meeting.
Agenda Item	Adjourn
Notes	<p>Mark Watkins motions of the committee to adjourn. Stephen Foote seconds the motion. The committee adjourned..</p> <p>Next Meeting: Monday, August 18, 2025 3:00-4:00 p.m.</p>