

DRAFT FIRST VICTIMS' RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING JULY 31, 2025

Committee	First District Victims' Rights Committee Meeting
Date Time Location	July 31, 2025 1:30-3:00 pm Virtual via ZOOM: https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/7326466029?pwd=GikZaNCDbUxwY6mHm6ulBgjOgbnkoO.1&omn=85080368594
Members Present	<u>Virtual Attendance</u> : Dale Stacey, Doyle Peck, Sarah Owen, Chad Reyes, Taylor Sorensen <u>In-Person Attendance</u> : Blair Wardle, Cheryl Burgan, Steve Hadfield
Staff & Visitors	<u>Staff</u> : Katie Fox <u>Visitors</u> : M.C.A. Angelica Lopez de Velazquez(translator)
Agenda Item	Welcome & Introductions/Establish Quorum -Blair Wardle
Notes	Blair Wardle welcomes everyone to the committee meeting and establishes a quorum.
Agenda Item	Approval of July 10, 2025 Minutes
Notes	Motion : Cheryl Burgan motions for the committee to approve the minutes from July 10, 2025 as presented. Doyle Peck seconds the motions. The motion passes unanimously.
Agenda Item	New Complaints
	<p>1. M.C.A.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the complaint filed by M.C.A. M.C.A. alleges that during an incident in September 2023, the translation of their statement by an individual (identified as the male individual's stepmother/mother-in-law) was inaccurate and biased. * This led to them being identified as the primary aggressor in a domestic violence incident by Tremonton PD, despite their claim that they were a victim of sexual assault (rape). * There is concern about the lack of investigation into the rape allegation, with focus primarily on the domestic violence aspect. * M.C.A. also experienced significant delays and difficulties in obtaining the police report and understanding the status of their case. M.C.A. was present for the meeting. A certified interpreter, Angelica, was also present to assist M.C.A. Doyle Peck was able to view the body camera footage provided by Tremonton PD. Doyle speaks Spanish and was able to understand what was being said by the interpreter for M.C.A. Doyle provided a summary of what he heard and saw in the body camera footage. The Committee discussed agency protocols in domestic violence cases and in cases where the victim does not speak English.</p> <p>Motion: Blair Wardle made a motion to find that Tremonton PD violated M.C.A.'s right to be treated with fairness, respect, and dignity, and to be free from harassment and abuse throughout the criminal justice process. Blair also motioned to find that this was an unintentional violation on the officers' part stemming from the circumstances with the language barrier. The Committee will make recommendations to Tremonton PD to assist in preventing further violations. Blair motioned that the Committee not find that Tremonton PD violated the other two victims's rights that were listed in the complaint. Dale Stacey seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>Action Items- Blair Wardle will draft a letter to Tremonton PD detailing the committee's finds. Blair will include the recommendations to Tremonton PD that they consider subscribing to a language line service and they review their policies related to domestic violence and sexual assault cases. Blair will include the recommendation that they reopen M.C.A.'s sexual assault case if M.C.A. desires they do so. Blair will send the draft to the committee for review before sending the final version to</p>

	Tremonton PD. Katie Fox will have the letter translated into Spanish. Katie Fox will send the translated copy to M.C.A. and offer resources.
Agenda Item	Other Business- New Committee Members
Notes	<p>The Committee discussed adding a new member and replacing Kirk Lambert who will be retiring soon. Blair Wardle reached out to Clint Lund to replace Kirk Lambert. Clint Lund came highly recommended by Kirk Lambert. Clint Lund would fill the AP&P representative seat. Blair Wardle also asked the committee if they would support having a representative from the courts. BLair Wardle has reached out to Sam Ashcraft, a clerk with the First District Court in Brigham City. Sam Ashcraft is willing to serve on the committee if given the approval from her supervisors.</p> <p>Motions: Blair Wardle made a motion to add Clint Lund as a member. Steve Hadfield seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously. Blair Wardle made a motion to add Sam Ashcraft as a member. Dale Stacey seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously.</p> <p>Action Items: Katie Fox will add Clint Lund and Sam Ashcraft on the agenda for the August VSC meeting for the VSC members to give their consent.</p>
Agenda Item	Public Comment
	Public comment was given during the discussion of M.C.A.'s complaint meeting.
Agenda Item	Adjourn
Notes	<p>Motion: Chad Reyes made a motion to adjourn. Dale Stacey seconded the motion. The committee adjourns.</p> <p>Next Meeting: July 31, 2025 1:30-2:30 pm Zoom link: https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/7326466029?pwd=GikZaNCDbUxwY6mHm6ulBgjOgbnkoO.1&omn=85080368594</p>