

## DRAFT EIGHTH VICTIMS' RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 11, 2026-PENDING APPROVAL

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Eighth District Victims' Rights Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Date</b> <b>Time</b> <b>Location</b>	March 11, 2026 3:00-4:00 pm 374 E. Main Street Vernal, UT 84078  Virtual: <a href="https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/87366835769?pwd=QNAw4Rj9sUbbCbjb2Ztb4lZDMS4huz.1">https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/87366835769?pwd=QNAw4Rj9sUbbCbjb2Ztb4lZDMS4huz.1</a>
<b>Members Present</b>	<u>In-Person Attendance:</u> Michael Harrington  <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Lindsey Garlick, Jaymon Thomas, Sheriff Travis Tucker
<b>Staff &amp; Visitors</b>	<u>Staff:</u> Katie Fox  <u>Visitors:</u> None
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions/Establish Quorum - Michael Harrington</b>
<b>Notes</b>	Michael Harrington welcomes everyone to the 8th District Victims' Rights Committee meeting.  Motion: Sheriff Tucker motions for the committee to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2026 meeting with the change of M.D.'s initials to M.B.. Jaymon Thomas seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Review of Complaints</b>
<b>Notes</b>	<p><b>1. M.B. Complaint</b></p> <p>The committee reviewed the complaint filed by M.B. on December 30, 2025. M.B. and Stephen Foote from the Duchesne County Attorney's Office were sent formal letters inviting them to attend this meeting. Neither party was present. The complainant alleged that a plea offer was made to the defendant without prior consultation with M.B. The complainant also cited a lack of communication and updates from the prosecution office regarding the status of the case. Lindsay Garlick reported a conversation with Mr. Foote, who denied that any offer had been made without the victim's involvement. The case is currently set for trial in Justice Court and is approximately 1.5 to 2 years old. The committee noted that in protracted cases, there are often significant periods where no new developments occur. The committee discussed the expectations for communication. Providing updates from prosecution offices or victim advocates when there is nothing to report could impose a heavy burden that does not necessarily meet a reasonable standard of care if no status change has occurred.</p> <p><b>Motions:</b> Sheriff Tucker made a motion to find that the committee could not sustain a violation of victims' rights by the Duchesne County Attorney's Office. Jaymon Thomas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p><b>Action Items:</b> Michael Harrington will draft a letter to M.B. and the Duchesne County Attorney's Office informing them of the Committee's decision. Michael will include in the letter to M.B. that if they have additional information to provide regarding the violations, the Committee would be willing to review the complaint again. Katie Fox will send the letters and offer resources to M.B.</p>
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>
	No public comment was given.
<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>
<b>Notes</b>	The committee is adjourned.  Next Meeting: TBD Zoom link: <a href="https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/81999067212?pwd=tfvsOl8pWAXnBagvKaU3HicnkvIDfA.1">https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/81999067212?pwd=tfvsOl8pWAXnBagvKaU3HicnkvIDfA.1</a>

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