

APPROVED FIFTH DISTRICT VICTIM RIGHTS COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 9, 2026	
Committee	Fifth District Victims' Rights Committee Meeting
Date Time Location	March 9, 2026 11:30-1:00 pm Iron County Attorney's Office 82 N 100 East STE 201 Cedar City, UT 84720 Virtual: https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/83088568596?pwd=a01yjnMn0uMVqCFwBajj2xsUuyxuuz.1
Members Present	<u>In Person Attendance:</u> Chad Dotson, Shane Klenk, Amy Robinson, Von Christiansen <u>Virtual Attendance:</u> Thad Seegmiller, Chief Kyle Whitehead, Sheriff Cody Black, Jillian Penhale
Staff & Visitors	<u>Staff:</u> Katie Fox <u>Visitors:</u> None
Agenda Item	Welcome & Introductions/Establish Quorum and Approval of Minutes - Chad Dotson
Notes	Chad Dotson welcomed the committee and established that a quorum was present. Chad Dotson asked if the committee had been able to review the minutes from the December 15, 2025 meeting. Motion: Von Christiansen makes a motion to approve the December 15, 2025 meeting minutes. Sheriff Cody Black seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously, None were opposed.
Agenda Item	Complaints
Notes	<p>a. C.M. The Committee discussed C.M. 's complaint that was received on January 20, 2026. The complaint stems from a case prosecuted by the Beaver County Attorney's Office. Because the case involved his Chief Deputy, Von Christiansen abstained from voting but participated in the discussion to provide context. C.M. reported feeling mistreated throughout the process. C.M. alleges they had inadequate information regarding protection from intimidation and timely notice of judicial proceedings. C.M. also alleged a lack of "speedy disposition" of the case. C.M. noted a specific frustration regarding last-minute cancellations; notably, a sentencing hearing was continued with notice provided at 8:00 a.m. the morning of the scheduled event.</p> <p>Motion: Chad Dotson made a motion to find the complaint alleging violations of the victim's rights and that we reach out to C.M. and the Beaver County Attorney's Office to invite them to give additional information to the Committee.. Thad Seegmiller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Action Item: Chad Dotson will prepare letters to the Beaver County Attorney's Office and C.M. inviting them to the next meeting. Chad Dotson will request information from the Beaver County Attorney's Office about their communications and notifications to C.M. Katie Fox will send the letters and coordinate their attendance.</p> <p>b. C.Z.. The Committee discussed C.z. 's complaint that was received on February 4, 2026. The complaint alleges that the St. George City Attorney's Office violated C.Z.'s rights. C.Z. alleged they were never contacted by a representative of St. George City Attorney's Office or any victim advocates. C.Z. also alleges they were not informed of plea agreements and reportedly learned about the status and outcome of the case through an online system rather than direct notification.</p> <p>Motion: Von Christiansen made a motion to find the complaint alleging violations of the victim's rights and that we reach out to C.Z. and the St. George City Attorney's Office to invite them to give additional information to the Committee.. Thad Seegmiller seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p>

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Notes	<p>The meeting is adjourned.</p> <p>Next Meeting: April 1, 2026</p> <p>Zoom link: https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/83088568596?pwd=a01yjnMn0uMVqCFwBajj2xsUuyxuuz.1</p>