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ATTACHMENTS FOR THE OCTOBER 13, 2026 COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT MEETING

Attachment 1

Meeting Minutes from July 14, 2026

NEVADA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT (CDVSA)

MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Time: 3:00PM

Meeting called to order by: Aaron Ford

Location: Join the meeting now
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Thank you for planning to attend this Teams meeting.

1. IN ATTENDANCE

Member: Aaron Ford, Marla Morris, Judge Patricia Lynch, April Green, Zach Larson, Ciara Picton, Tracy Harig, Tyler Ingram

Staff: Jamie Trevino and Henna Rasul

Public: Kathleen Thimsen, Rachael Ekroos, Chris Parsons, Lisa Sherych, Summer Thomas-Harris, Amy Wilson, Maxine Lantz, Tahlia Q. Ling-Sudler, Maddie Proctor, Mariah Northington

Absent: Annette Scott, Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem, Elynne Green, Liz Ortenburger, Dr. Pamela Payne, Wes Duncan, Suzanne Ramos, Karl Hall

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

3. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

The minutes were read from the April 14, 2026 meeting and approved as amended. Judge Patricia Lynch mentioned the only suggestion she has is spelling out RCCD for the public who don't know what that is.

4. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

-Jamie Trevino, Nevada Office of the Attorney General, collected 26 judicial survey questions for the 2027 biennial legislative report from the committee. It was explained that the committee needed to vote for 10 of those questions to be sent to the AOC for our rural judges to review and answer on the biennial legislative report. Aaron Ford suggested Amy Wilson give input and refinement on this list as she would be the most helpful with the connections she has with the rural judges already, then we rank order of which questions each committee member likes the best and least, and Jamie will compile the results and present them to be voted on a 15-minute meeting prior to October's meeting.

5. FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

-Jamie Trevino, Nevada Office of the Attorney General, held discussion for the BDR 2027 legislative session however, Aaron Ford had to drop off for another meeting, so the committee was unable to vote due to incomplete quorum. Suggestions were made on topics such as a statute mentioning no contact orders as a condition of release, and mandatory training for judges who handle domestic violence cases, whether it's criminal or in the family court. Aaron Ford stated we didn't have to come up with the language today as he will reserve a BDR for us to eventually fill and vote on at the next October meeting.

6. FOR DISCUSSION

-Jamie Trevino, Nevada Office of the Attorney General, shared updates to the committee on subcommittee actions. The press release was sent out to the public with 6 positions available including, law enforcement, sexual assault survivors, judges, etc. The FRT committee had an inquiry from the maternity fatality review team (MMRC) to join forces which was accepted. If anyone is interested in joining the FRT committee please email Jamie or Shy for more information.

7. NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 3:53 pm

Next meeting will be held on 10/13 at 3pm

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

-Judge Patricia Lynch had a correction on meeting minutes however, we were unable to confirm if the minutes can continue being approved or if it must be saved for the next meeting. Mariah Northington had an honorable mention to Jamie for assisting with a BDR proposal regarding law enforcement not being able to confirm post-conviction of contact orders into the software programs while on the field. Tyler Ingram mentioned trying to lump in modifying hearsay at preliminary hearings for survivors into the BDR reserve.

Minutes respectfully drafted by **Shayon McCrary-Robertson**
Office of the Attorney General

Attachment 2

Potential Bill Draft Request for
upcoming 2027 legislative session

Sexual Assault Survivors' Rights Alignment

Executive Summary

This bill updates Nevada's Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights and related evidence statutes so they fully align with the federal [Sexual Assault Survivors' Rights Act, 18 U.S.C. 3772](#).

Nevada already provides strong protections for survivors, including defined retention timelines, clear analysis procedures, and a statewide kit tracking program; however, several rights required under federal law are not yet stated directly in Nevada statute.

The bill would ensure that survivors have the right to receive written notification at least sixty days before any intended destruction of a sexual assault evidence collection kit or its contents. It would allow survivors to request extended preservation of a kit and prevent destruction through a written request. It would provide survivors with access to information on the status and location of their kit through the statewide tracking system or upon request. It would also require written information explaining all policies governing the collection, preservation, retention, tracking, and destruction of sexual assault forensic evidence kits. Finally, survivors would be informed of all rights available under federal and state law.

To support accuracy and consistency within Nevada's evidence tracking system, the bill adds a requirement that law enforcement agencies and forensic laboratories enter updates to kit status, custody, and CODIS information within a defined timeframe. This ensures that survivors receive current information and that statewide tracking remains timely and complete.

To accomplish this, the bill amends NRS 178A, NRS 200.3788, and NRS 176.09125, and expands the requirements for the Attorney General's Survivor Rights Document described in NRS 178A.270.

Aligning Nevada statutes with federal law may also increase Nevada's eligibility for incentive funding from the Office on Violence Against Women under the STOP Formula Grant Program.

Statutory Sections Requiring Amendment

[NRS 178A.220](#)

[NRS 178A.270](#)

[NRS 178A.280](#)

[NRS 200.3788](#)

[NRS 176.09125](#)

Custodial Agency Notification Responsibility

The responsibility for providing written notification of the intended destruction or disposal of a sexual assault forensic evidence collection kit should rest with the agency or forensic laboratory that has custody of the kit at the time the destruction decision is made. This approach aligns with federal law, which specifies that notification must come from the official who has custody of the evidence. The custodial agency is in the best position to verify destruction timelines, maintain accurate survivor contact information, respond to survivor requests for extended preservation,

and document compliance with statutory requirements. Assigning notification duties to the custodial entity ensures consistency with existing Nevada evidence handling statutes and establishes a clear, accountable process for survivor communication.

Federal Requirements Versus Nevada Law Crosswalk

Table 1. Federal Requirements That Nevada Meets

<i>Federal Requirement</i>	<i>Nevada Statute</i>	<i>Nevada Status</i>
Preservation of sexual assault evidence kits for statute of limitations or twenty years	NRS 178A.220	Meets requirement
Disclosure of forensic kit results to the survivor upon request	NRS 178A.230	Meets requirement

Table 2. Federal Requirements Where Nevada Has Statutory Gaps

<i>Federal Requirement</i>	<i>Nevada Statute</i>	<i>Gap Identified</i>
Written explanation of policies governing collection and preservation of kits	NRS 178A.270	Does not require inclusion of all policies
Survivor right to know status and location of the kit	NRS 178A.280 and NRS 200.3788	No explicit right for survivors to obtain this information
Written notification at least sixty days before destruction	None	No destruction-notification statute
Survivor right to request extended preservation	None	No statutory right to request extended preservation
Survivor right to be informed of all rights under federal law	NRS 178A.270	Does not require enumeration of federal rights

Suggested Statutory Amendment for Reporting Requirements to be added to NRS178

1. Each law enforcement agency or forensic laboratory that has custody of a sexual assault forensic evidence kit shall enter an update in the statewide sexual assault forensic evidence tracking system within 14 calendar days of any change in the custody, status, transfer, analysis, CODIS entry, CODIS hit, or intended destruction of the kit.
2. If an agency is unable to enter an update within the period described in subsection 1 due to operational limitations, the agency shall document the reason for the delay in the tracking system and complete the update as soon as practicable.

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact of this proposal is expected to be minimal. The bill adds several administrative requirements, including survivor notifications before evidence destruction, updates to the statewide tracking system to support survivor access to kit status and location, and revisions to the Attorney General's Sexual Assault Survivors' Rights Document. Nevada's existing victim notification system already has the capacity to issue destruction-related notifications, so no fiscal impact is anticipated for that component. These activities are expected to be manageable within existing resources for the affected entities.

There is no anticipated need for major system replacements or substantial new operational costs. Impacts are likely to be limited to staff time for developing notifications, updating documentation, and coordinating information within law enforcement agencies and forensic laboratories.

Nevada may also benefit indirectly from additional federal funding through the Office on Violence Against Women. Aligning Nevada's statutes with federal sexual assault survivor rights may increase Nevada's eligibility for incentive funding added to the existing STOP Formula Grant. These incentive funds do not support the implementation of statutory changes directly but may increase the total amount awarded to Nevada for statewide victim services, training, and related activities administered through the STOP program, increasing and strengthening access to services for survivors.

Overall, the fiscal impact is expected to be minimal and can likely be absorbed within current resources.

Stakeholders

Office of the Attorney General
Law Enforcement Agencies
Forensic Laboratories
Sexual Assault Service Providers
Survivors of Sexual Assault
State DNA Database Administrators