

**NEVADA OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (CDV)**

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 18, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

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1. Call to order and roll call of members.
 - a. The Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) meeting was called to order at 1:05 pm.
 - b. Present
 - Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General (Chairman Ford)
 - Armstrong, Ross (Armstrong)
 - Cisneros, Jessica (Cisneros)
 - Green, April (Green)
 - Greene, Elynn (Greene)
 - Hall, Karl (Hall)
 - Harig, Tracy (Harig)
 - Hernandez, Cory (Hernandez)
 - Lynch, Patricia (Judge Lynch)
 - Meuschke, Sue (Meuschke)
 - Ortenburger, Liz (Ortenburger)
 - Ramos, Suzanne (Ramos)
 - Scott, Annette (Scott)
 - Spratley, Eric (Spratley)

- c. Absent
 - Gradick, Jamie (Gradick)
 - Jones, Cassandra (Judge Jones)
 - Morris, Marla (Morris)
 - Moseley, Leisa (Moseley)
 - Wheable, Michael (Wheable)
 - Yoxsimer, Denise (Yoxsimer)
 - a. Staff
 - Adair, Jessica (Adair)
 - Reilly, Nicole (Reilly)
 - Mouannes, Jason (Mouannes)
 - Rasul, Henna (Rasul)
 - b. Public
 - None
 - d. **Quorum established**
2. Public Comment.
- a. No public comment.
3. **For Possible Action:** Review, discussion and possible approval of ***December 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes***.

Attachment 1

- a. Chairman Ford suggested members take a moment to review the minutes from the previous Committee on Domestic Violence (CDV) meeting. He asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Judge Lynch requested a correction to the minutes on page 3 four lines down changing “in” to “**an**”. On the same page, number 5b four lines down should be changed from “take account” to “take **into** account” instead. On 5c, “differed” should be changed to “**deferred**”. On page 6 in the middle section of the page “The original though was that domestic violence intersects with sexual assault and human trafficking” should be changed to “The original **thought** was that domestic violence intersects with sexual assault and human trafficking”. On page 7, 7c should be changed to “it will be based on what information **was** collected to...”. Finally, 7e should omit “in which she agreed” and change “60%” to “70%” in its place. Motion to accept the minutes as amended by Judge Lynch. Seconded by Ramos. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
4. **For Discussion and Action:** Nicole Reilly, Ombudsman for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking, Nevada Office of the Attorney General, will present the ***2021 CDV Legislative Report***. The CDV members will discuss the Report for any changes and approve for submission to the Legislative Bureau Council (LCB).

Attachment 2

- a. Reilly introduced the 2021 CDV Legislative Report and thanked leadership and members for all the work the Committee has accomplished.
- b. Hernandez thanked Reilly for all the tremendous work.
- c. Judge Lynch had comments and corrections regarding the legislative report. She thought the report was good, but recognized the report is going to legislators who are busy and it is important to grab their attention. She proposed a summary of the meetings (highlights) with details of each meeting attached separately.
- d. Chairman Ford welcomed input and requested the deadline for the report to the Legislative Council Bureau (LCB).
 - Reilly responded March 1st of 2021. She encouraged adjusting the report by highlighting the major moves completed by the Committee in 2019 and 2020.
 - Chairman Ford supported the adjustment although not exactly the suggestion proposed by Judge Lynch due to the close deadline for report. Chairman Ford requested a motion to proceed with corrections as suggested without further review of the entire Committee. Rasul supported this approach as the legal counsel.
- e. Judge Lynch thought that was a good compromise but suggested the 2019 and 2020 meeting highlights be together before all the meeting details followed.
- f. Chairman Ford requested any final comments on the report before proceeding.
- g. Judge Lynch offered her corrections to the report.
 - Chairman Ford requested that if the corrections were extensive, it would be best to submit those separately to Mouannes with Rasul's guidance.
 1. Rasul stated that will work if it is indicated in the motion.
 - Judge Lynch mentioned she is listed as retired and appreciated the correction to Senior Justice of the Peace for Reno Justice Court.
 1. Hall agreed with Judge Lynch's amendment referring to his position as the Reno City Attorney in the Reno City Attorney's Office and Suzanne Ramos as a victim advocate in the Reno City Attorney's Office.
 - Mouannes acknowledged the corrections.
- h. Chairman Ford said the motion he wanted would allow Judge Lynch to submit her typographical edits to Mouannes to correct in the report, allow Reilly to complete the summaries as discussed and allow the Committee to approve the 2021 CDV Legislative Report. Motion to approve as amended by Hall. Seconded by Judge Lynch. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.

5. **For Discussion:** Jessica Adair, Chief of Staff, Nevada Office of the Attorney General, will present ***BDR 18-241***.

Attachment 3

- a. Adair greeted the committee. She submitted an amendment to Senate Bill (SB) 45 and planned to summarize the proposal. She did not include any changes to the definition of domestic violence that would affect temporary protection orders (TPOs). The references to sexual assault and human trafficking only apply to the Ombudsman and the Nevada Attorney General's Office and were removed as they related to the Committee except for addressing the intersection of sexual assault and human trafficking as they relate to domestic violence.
 - b. Chairman Ford requested questions and comments from members.
 - c. Meuschke asked about renaming the domestic violence court fees and whether the \$35 assessment fee would be added to sexual assault and human trafficking statutes.
 - Chairman Ford cautioned against this proposal as it would have a financial impact which would come under the 2/3 voting requirement imposed by the Legislature on bills having a financial impact.
 - Adair said she would adjust the draft before submission to reflect domestic violence fees only.
 - d. Judge Lynch believed the \$35 assessment was expanded to include other forms of domestic violence in addition to battery. This may include trespassing, stalking and other actions that contribute to domestic violence situations.
 - e. Adair mentioned the office is open to feedback as the bill is waiting to be heard.
6. **For Discussion:** Nicole Reilly, Ombudsman for Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking, Nevada Office of the Attorney General, will present ***AG-SDVFRT Letter***.

Attachment 4

- a. Reilly presented the AG-SDVFRT Letter and stated the Nevada Attorney General's Office was not able to identify a case to examine for the statewide domestic violence fatality review team that met all the necessary criteria. Adair and others in the office did a thorough canvas with the rural district attorney offices in search of an appropriate case. For the current year, the office can only consider cases that had been fully adjudicated and had enough information related to the case to come up with recommendations for the State to implement and improve our response to domestic violence. Once a case is fully adjudicated, discovery of the facts may begin.

- b. Adair wanted to publicly thank all the rural district attorneys for their cooperation to help find a case that met the criteria.
7. **For Information Only:** the CDV's future meeting dates:
 - Committee on Domestic Violence: TBD | Location: Virtual Meeting.
 - Legislative Subcommittee: TBD | Location: Virtual Meeting.
 - Training Subcommittee: TBD | Location: Virtual Meeting.
 - Court Subcommittee: TBD | Location: Virtual Meeting.
8. Public Comment.
 - a. Judge Lynch mentioned that there was a new State Court Administrator for the Administrative Office of the Courts. She also asked if Mouannes can stay on the call after the meeting to complete the corrections for the 2021 CDV Legislative Report. Mouannes agreed to do so.
9. **For Possible Action:** Adjournment.
 - a. Chairman Ford called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn by Judge Lynch. Seconded by Greene. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion passed.
 - b. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by **Jason Mouannes**
Edited by **Nicole Reilly**
Office of the Attorney General
