

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

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

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1. Call to order and roll call of members.
 - a. The CDV meeting was called to order at 1:30pm.
 - b. Present
 - Chair Attorney General Aaron Ford
 - Vice Chair Suzanne Ramos
 - Elizabeth Abdur-Raheem
 - April Green
 - Elynne Greene
 - Karl Hall
 - Dr. Tracy Harig
 - Tyler Ingram
 - Zach Larson
 - Judge Patricia Lynch
 - Liz Ortenburger

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- Dr. Pamela B. Payne, CFLE, NACP
 - Ciara Picton
 - Annette Scott
 - c. Absent
 - Wes Duncan
 - Jamie Gradick
 - Marla Morris
 - d. Staff
 - Teresa Benitez-Thompson
 - Henna Rasul
 - Jamie Trevino
 - e. Public
 - Sabrina Petrel
 - Kelsey Galloway
 - Megan Nelson
 - Tahliah Ling-Sudler
 - John Dekoekkoek
 - Summer Thomas-Harris
 - Traci Trenowith
 - Kathleen Thimsen
 - Jeff Holliday
 - Serena Evans
 - Ryley Svendsen
 - f. Quorum established.
2. **Public Comment.**
- a. None.
3. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Review, discussion and possible approval of the *November 6, 2025, Meeting Minutes*.
- a. Approved unanimously.
4. **For Discussion:** Jamie Trevino, Nevada Office of the Attorney General, will discuss her quarterly reports to better align them with the CDVSA Committee's mission.
- a. Committee members discussed needing offender data from arrest through arraignment. It is possible that we will need to adjust the Quarterly Report statutes to include data from places other than the Central Repository as that does not include prosecution/court data.
 - b. Committee members would love to gain access to data from felony cases that include witness recants, misdemeanor domestic violence cases where the offender has already completed batterer's treatment programs, and better domestic violence homicide data. Members would

also love to see how many victims were not able to be located after offender arrests due to lack of information or lack of victim cooperation, and whether district attorney offices could manage that level of data for victim recants and not being able to find victims for trial.

- c. Committee members discussed bringing back ACR6 from the 2023 legislative session
 - d. Committee members discussed the issue of counties having a huge denial rate for temporary protection orders (and extended protection orders), especially in Clark County, and an even larger discrepancy on protection orders not being served by law enforcement to the offenders.
 - e. Committee members discussed lethality assessments and law enforcement training/one sheets to keep law enforcement up to date on lethality assessments and awareness around domestic violence homicides.
5. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Tyler Ingram, District Attorney for Elko, will lead a discussion around the new Tennessee Domestic Violence bill that recently passed, creating a domestic violence registry. Possible action around creating a Bill Draft Request or research into a Nevada domestic violence database.
- a. In the 2025 legislative session, AB162 (to create a statewide domestic violence database) received a fiscal note of several million dollars and ultimately did not pass.
 - b. Committee members discussed how Tennessee's bill had a funding mechanism paid for by the offender which would cover the domestic violence registry. However, in order to levy a new fee, it would require a 2/3 majority vote in the legislative body which would be a barrier in of itself. The Office of the Attorney General staff will reach out to clarify at what point a 2/3 vote would be necessary and if the funds went back into local communities if that fee vote could be avoided.
 - c. Committee members discussed the differences between a registry and a database and the impact on marginalized communities. The functionality of a potential database was also discussed (like how offenders could get removed from the registry, what the rules were to be added, and who would be monitoring the database).
6. **For Discussion:** Liz Ortenburger, CEO of SafeNest, will lead a discussion around the 2027 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) reauthorization.
- a. Liz Ortenburger led a discussion on what VAWA has done since its inception and whether Nevada wanted to do targeted research to better support our Nevada senators when reauthorization happens next year.

- b. John Dekoekkoeck, Grants Manager for the Office of the Attorney General, explained how reports get to the VAWA administrators (The Office on Violence Against Women). The biggest help we could get is for all grant recipients around the state to better utilize the grants assessments to show what each service provider and organization does to support violence prevention and survivors throughout the state. It was agreed that John Dekoekkoeck and Liz Ortenburger would meet and brainstorm on ways to use grant reports to better research Nevada data and figure out how to describe Nevada's survivor landscape in a more accurate way.
 - c. Committee members discussed the possibility of a better statewide data framework, what that would look like, and if there would be federal funds available to start up a better data collection for statewide input (courts, service providers, state agencies, etc.).
7. **For Discussion and Possible Action:** Jamie Trevino, Nevada Office of the Attorney General, will facilitate a conversation about a new standing agenda item relating to Bill Draft Request discussions to prepare for the 2027 Legislative Session.
 - a. Committee members discussed several potential BDR ideas:
 - Language surrounding batterer's intervention programming.
 - Payment for batterer's intervention treatment holding up the courts instead of going to debt collectors and moving offenders through the system.
 - The Coalition (Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence) is starting up their Policy Task Force conversations and will send meeting times to CDVSA members.
 - Hearsay exception changes relating to preliminary trials
 - SB125 gave law enforcement a pathway to give better/more referrals to Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada. Could that be opened up to more DV/SA organizations?
 - Marriage license fee restructure through DCFS
 - NRS 176.211 allows for deferred entry of judgements and closing that loophole would help with sex trafficker charges.
 - b. By the next meeting, CDVSA members will come up with what BDR they want to push through the OAG's BDR list.
8. **For Information Only:** Future CDVSA Meetings:
 - a. Committee on Domestic Violence: April 14th at 3pm, July 14th at 3pm, and October 13th at 3pm | Location: Nevada Office of the Attorney General – Carson City Office and on Teams
9. **Public Comment.**
 - a. None.

10. **For Action:** Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.

Minutes respectfully drafted by **Jamie Trevino**
Office of the Attorney General