

# CRIME VICTIM SERVICES COMMISSION

Meeting – May 16, 2022

## MINUTES

APPROVED

Cpl. Robin Hornbuckle, Chairperson, called the Crime Victim Services Commission meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. on May 16, 2022, in the Dempsey room, Grand Tower Building.

Present:

### Commission Members:

Thomas P. Clement  
Jeffrey S. Getting  
Karen Gray Sheffield  
Cpl. Robin Hornbuckle, Chairperson  
Dr. Tolulope Sonuyi - Conference  
Line (will not be counted as quorum)

### Staff Members:

Jess Averill, Policy Analyst  
Shalonna Banks, Departmental Analyst  
Katherine Bennett, Assistant Attorney General  
Emily Ely, Departmental Analyst  
Tia Johnson, Departmental Tech  
Angela Povilaitis, Staff Attorney  
Janine Washburn, Compensation Manager  
Debi Cain, Director of Victim Services (via  
Conference line)  
Alicia VanEyck, Departmental Analyst (via  
conference line)

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Ms. Karen Gray Sheffield made a motion, supported by Cpl. Robin Hornbuckle to approve the March 21, 2022 open meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Introductions were made by the Commission members and staff. Chair Cpl. Hornbuckle welcomed new Commissioners Clement, Getting, and Sonuyi.

Public Comment - None.

Staff Report –

Ms. Cain will provide a report regarding Oxford next month.

Ms. Averill and Ms. Povilaitis discussed the compensation enhancement legislation, HB 4674 (H-3) HB 4675 (H-2), bringing the Commissioners up to speed on the current statute and what these bills would change. A handout was provided to the Commissioners. These enhancements will not be effective until 15 months after the bills are signed into law. The victim compensation program will operate under current statute until then. Ms. Averill and Ms. Povilaitis discussed the major changes, especially around who could qualify as a claimant and what they can qualify for, as both those areas are being expanded. Compensation will remain the payer of the last resort exhausting all over sources of income.

Ms. Cain discussed the new claims system and what the system will provide. Ms. Cain discussed by expanding we will be hiring more staff. Ms. Washburn explained the new system will provide accurate data.

Report of the Members – None.

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None.

**Evidentiary Hearings:**

None.

**Commission Reviews:**

None.

**Update:**

Ms. Bennett explained there are two basic types of cases defended in court for the commissioners and what steps, she as the AAG assigned to the Commission, would intervene to assist if there is an appeal to the Commission's decision.

Ms. Bennett also provided an update on Claim No. 19R0338, involving a worker's compensation settlement. The trial is set for July 7, 2022.

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2022.

Motion from Ms. Karen Gray Sheffield and seconded by Mr. Jeffrey Getting adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tia Johnson