

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
CRIME VICTIMS REPARATION COMMISSION

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July 30, 2026 Commission Meeting Minutes

6200 Uptown Blvd. NE Suite #210
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Meeting Called to Order

On July 30, 2026, Commission Chair Karst called the July meeting of the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission to order at 10:03 a.m.

Commission Chair Karst requested Director Zubia to take roll call of the Commission Members attending the meeting and of the public body, acknowledging those who are participating in person and virtually.

The following Commission Members were present:

David Karst, Commission Chair (Virtual)
Sheriff Kim Stewart, Commission Vice Chair (Virtual)
Cody Rogers, Commission Member (Virtual)

The following NMCVRC staff members were present:

Frank Zubia, Director
Cindy Mok, Chief Financial Officer
Donna Richmond, Grant Bureau Chief (Virtual)
Jacqueline Sanchez, Compensation Bureau Chief
Pamela Brendler, State Investigator Supervisor (Virtual)
Kristina Escamilla, Administrative Secretary
Melissa Santiestevan, VAWA Grant Administrator (Virtual)

The following members of the public were in attendance:

Eduardo Ugarte II, NM Assistant Attorney General
Steve Shainer, Civil Attorney (Virtual)
Sarah Wintermute, Attorney NM General Services Department (Virtual)

Review Agenda

Commission Chair Karst and the Commission Members reviewed the agenda. Commission Chair Karst asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commission Member Rogers made the motion to approve, and Commission Vice Chair Sheriff Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commission roll call vote was as follows: Commission Chair Karst, yes; Commission Vice Chair Sheriff Stewart, yes; Commission Member Rogers, yes.

Review and Approval of June 25, 2026, Commission Meeting Minutes

Commission Chair Karst and Commission Members reviewed the Commission meeting minutes for June 25, 2026. Commission Chair Karst asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commission Vice Chair Sheriff Stewart made the motion to approve, and Commission Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Commission roll call vote was as follows: Commission Chair Karst, yes; Commission Vice Chair Sheriff Stewart, yes; Commission Member Rogers, yes.

Public Comment

No public comment

Agency Financial Report

Ms. Mok began by presenting the FY26 Budget Position for Victim Payments. She reported that during fiscal year 2026, nearly \$2.9 million was paid in victim payments. As reflected in the report, approximately \$512,000 remains available and will carry over into FY27.

Ms. Mok next presented the Crime Victim Fund Budget Status report. She reported that, as of the report date, the Commission had received just over \$529,000 in inmate wages and restitution. She further noted that since the report was prepared, the Commission had received the June payment from the Department of Corrections of \$53,232.36.

Ms. Mok reported that, including the June payment, total revenue for fiscal year 2026 was \$582,750.36, exceeding the budgeted revenue as anticipated earlier in the fiscal year.

Below are the payments received from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, by category:

Restitution: \$56,179

Corrections: \$457,880

Civil Settlement: \$12,994

Penalty Assessment: \$2,465

Total Received: \$529,518

Director Zubia recognized the Compensation Department for maintaining consistent payments and continuing outreach despite fewer applications. He also recognized Ms. Mok for ensuring proper separation of State and Federal funds and compliance with regulations.

New Business**Miller/Caouette v. CVRC – RMD No. 240993**

Sarah Wintermute from RMD requested that this item be moved to executive session due to attorney-client privilege and pending litigation. The Commission agreed to postpone the discussion to the next Commission meeting on August 27 2026, at 10:00 a.m., where it will be properly addressed in executive session.

Business**Grant Status Reports (VOCA, VAWA, SASP and State Funds)****FY27 VAWA STOP Reallocation (Voting Item)**

Ms. Richmond provided an update on the Grants Department, noting that the VOCA solicitation was open and that FY26 State Grants had been closed out, with FY27 State and VAWA grants now underway. She also reported approximately \$110,000 in available VAWA funding and said the Department was reviewing peer review committee recommendations to determine how to reallocate those funds.

Ms. Santistevan requested approval to reallocate approximately \$110,065 in FY27 VAWA STOP funding according to the peer review committee's recommendations. The proposed funds would support the DWI Give Them Rights Project, Silver Regional Sexual Assault Support Services, and the New Mexico Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs' PREA Program. She asked the Commission to accept and support the recommendations.

Commission Member Rogers made the motion to approve, and Commission Vice Chair Sheriff Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The Commission roll call vote was as follows: Commission Chair Karst, yes; Commission Vice Chair Sheriff Stewart, yes; Commission Member Rogers, yes.

Executive Session

At 10:18 a.m., Commission Chair Karst asked for a motion to enter Executive Session. Commission Member Rogers made the motion to approve, and Commission Vice Chair Stewart seconded the motion.

A roll call vote of the Commission was as follows: Commission Chair Karst, yes; Commission Vice Chair Stewart, yes; Commission Member Rogers, yes.

At 10:22 a.m., Commission Chair Karst made a motion to exit from Executive Session. Commission Member Rogers made the motion to approve, and Commission Vice Chair Stewart seconded the motion.

The Commission roll call vote was as follows: Commission Chair Karst, yes; Commission Vice Chair Stewart, yes; Commission Member Rogers, yes.

Action on Item Discussed in Executive Session (Voting Item)

Claim # 192944

Commission Chair Karst made a motion to approve claim #192944. Commission Member Rogers made the motion to approve, and Commission Vice Chair Stewart seconded the motion.

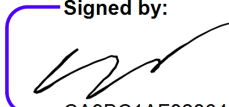
The Commission roll call vote was as follows: Commission Chair Karst, yes; Commission Vice Chair Stewart, yes; Commission Member Rogers, yes.

Director Zubia asked the Commission Members for a motion to deny or approve claim #192944. Commission Members voted unanimously to approve this claim.

The next Commission meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparation Commission, 6200 Uptown Blvd. NE, Suite 210, in Albuquerque, NM, in the conference room.

Adjourn

At 10:25 a.m., Commission Chair Karst adjourned the July 30, 2026 Commission meeting.

APPROVED:  Signed by: _____ DATE: 9/9/2026
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 Commission Chair Karst