

**Crime Victims Committee  
Minutes  
December 12, 2019**

A public meeting of the Crime Victims Committee of the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission was convened on December 12, 2019, at 1:00p.m. at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission, 1110 W. Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, AZ 85007.

**Members Present:**

Chairperson Steve Stahl, City of Maricopa Police Chief  
Mark Brnovich, Arizona Attorney General, Kirstin Flores representing  
Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney, Vanessa Helms representing by phone  
Greg Mengarelli, Mayor, City of Prescott, Amy Bonney representing by phone  
CT Wright, Chairperson, Board of Executive Clemency by phone

**Members Absent:**

Allister Adel, Maricopa County Attorney  
Paul Penzone, Maricopa County Sheriff

**Staff Participating:**

Andy LeFevre, Executive Director  
Tony Vidale, Deputy Director  
Heather Bohnet, Program Manager Crime Victim Services  
Dorinda Johns, Program Coordinator Crime Victim Services

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Stahl at 1:00 p.m. The roll was taken, and a quorum was declared present.

**II. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the May 8, 2019 Meeting**

Chairperson Stahl called for the approval of the minutes. Kirstin Flores moved to approve the meeting minutes. Vanessa Helms seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**III. Victim Compensation and Assistance Fund Balance**

Ms. Bohnet presented information on the status of the Victim Compensation and Assistance fund balance, providing information on the fund sources, information on the declining balance, and information on anticipated revenue. Discussion was held on the general health of the fund and what a healthy fund balance would look like. The committee requested to revisit this item at the next meeting in January.

**IV. FY 2021 Victim Assistance Grant Program**

Ms. Bohnet presented information on the current FY20 grant program and reviewed some potential options for the FY21 grant program funding priorities, and requested from the committee regarding possible priorities for the FY2021 Crime Victim Assistance Grant Program. The committee discussed current priorities and Dorinda Johns provided information on current and past projects and what priority level they fell in and information on the history behind funding priorities in prior grant cycles.

Chairperson Stahl discussed county protocols for prosecutions and compliance with protocols for agencies receiving grant funds. Staff will obtain more information on these protocols. Discussion was also held on consideration of funding for rural counties.

Committee members discussed prioritization of personnel for Tier 1 (non-VOCA eligible) and Tier 2 (training) projects, other requests in Tier 1 and Tier 2, personnel in Tier 3 (VOCA eligible), and then other requests in Tier 3. The committee members also discussed ensuring that the funding levels allow for a healthy fund balance to remain.

**V. Role of the Crime Victims Committee**

The Committee discussed what additional roles beyond determining funding levels the committee should consider taking on responsibility for. Chairperson Stahl asked committee members to think on this and come back to the meeting in January to discuss what the roles this committee should play in the future.

**VI. Call to the Public**

There were no members of the public present to speak.

**VII. Date, Time, and Location of Next Meeting**

The next Crime Victims Committee meeting will be on January 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew T. LeFevre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a long, sweeping tail.

Andrew T. LeFevre  
Executive Director  
Audio recording available upon request