

SOUTH DAKOTA CRIME VICTIMS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION MEETING

Meeting held via Zoom Conference

Friday, March 26th, 2021

11:00am (Central Time)

Meeting Minutes

11:00 A.M: Introduction (via zoom)

- **Rollcall**
- Rebecca Kiesow-Knudson (RKK)
- Brian Mueller (BM)
- Keith Hansen (KH)
- Lisa Heth (LH)
- Becky Rasmussen (BR)

Also, present:

- Ann Holzouser
- Megan Kwilinski
- Chazzy Smith
- Cora Olson
- Olympia Justice – Interpreter
- Sara Newman – Beadle County States Attorney, Victims' Specialist (Witness)

Brian motioned to approve Keith as hearing officer of this meeting

- Roll call vote called
- Motion to appoint Keith as hearing officer passes

Witness(s)

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 am Keith Hansen served as the hearing officer. Roll-call attendance was taken, and a quorum is present.

Review of minutes:

The meeting minutes from December 18th, 2020 were reviewed.

- **BM:** motioned for approval
- **KH:** seconded
- Roll-call vote called
- Motion to approve minutes passes

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Program Update:

Cora provided that the new online system is up and running, still working out bugs but we are live and accepting applications as well as paper applications. Explanation of how the new program works. Staff changes, ease of new program use, continued increase of new applications. New full-time position open for claim specialist.

Commission questions and discussions: None

- **BM:** Motioned to close this portion of meeting.
- **KH:** Seconded
- Roll Call vote taken

Motion to close this portion of the meeting passes

11:13am- Review of claim 200129

- **Olympia Justice (Interpreter)-**Oath is given.
- **Cora Olsen (Claim Investigator)-** Oath is given
- **Claimant & Victims Advocate Sara Newman appear (via zoom)**

Initial claim summary as well as proposed action read. After decision to deny was made, victim services specialist Sara Newman explained that officers on scene due to language barrier used interpreter that was family to the offender, supplying bias information.

Questions from the state: None

CO: Recommended that decision to deny should be overturned to approve this claim upon receiving the new information.

Commission Questions:

KH: Her alcohol level was elevated in ER, was she drinking?

Claimant: Yes.

KH: Thank you.

Sara Newman: Statement given on behalf of the victim.

Questions from the state: None

Questions from the commission: None

- RKK: Motioned to submit info into evidence
- LH: Seconded
- Role call vote

Motion to submit info into evidence passes.

Open discussion closed: Executive discussion to follow

Commission Decision-

- **BM:** Moves to approve claim
- **RK:** seconded
- Roll call vote taken

Motion to approved passes

12:15-Scheduling next commission meeting

- June 25th, 2021 Friday @10:30 A.M

12:17-Meeting adjourned

- **RKK:** motioned to close
- **BM:** seconded
- Roll call vote taken

Motion to adjourn meeting passes