

# **SUNSET SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION REVIEW FORM #1 ALL BOARDS**

(Required by *Nevada Revised Statutes* [NRS] [232B.230](#))

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

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## **REQUIRED INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY ALL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR ENTITIES**

### **1. Board, commission, or entity name**

(Identify the statutory name of the board, commission, or entity.)

Advisory Committee on the Rights of Survivors of Sexual Assault

### **2. Members' names with expiration date of term and number of vacancies**

(List the names of the current members and the expiration date of each member's term; contact information is not necessary. Indicate the number of vacancies and the length of time the vacancy has existed.)

Per NRS 178A, the Advisory Committee is limited to 15 members, and must include:

- The Attorney General, Chair.
- The Director of NDOC, Vacant
- A law enforcement official appointed by the NV Sheriffs and Chiefs Association- Kim Otero
- An attorney appointed by the governing body of the State Bar of Nevada, Nicole Hicks.

The Attorney General must also appoint:

- A resident of Nevada who is a survivor of sexual assault,

- A representative of a victims rights' organization, Serena Evans.
- A representative of a center of support for victims of sexual assault,
- A representative of a forensic laboratory, Kim Murga.
- A representative of an NSHE institution whose duties include direct services to victims of sexual assault, Christine Hall.
- A member of an organization providing services to minority communities, Lovana Dressler.
- A representative of an organization providing services to LGBTQ persons, Holly Reese.
- A nurse examiner specializing in forensic sexual assault examinations, Debbi Robison

The Attorney General may appoint up to three additional members.

- Member at Large- Traci Trenoweth.
- Member at Large- Christina Morsi.
- Member at Large- Teresa Crimmens.
- Member at Large- Scott Tracy
- Member at Large- Christina Hall

### **3. Physical address**

(Identify the physical location of the board, commission, or entity [note whether the location is a state department or agency; indicate that address].)

Office of the Attorney General, 100 N. Carson Street, Carson City NV 89701

### **4. Mailing address**

(Identify the mailing address of the board, commission, or entity.)

Office of the Attorney General, 100 N. Carson Street, Carson City NV 89701

### **5. Website address**

(Identify the URL for your website with a live link.)

[Advisory Committee on the Rights of Survivors of Sexual Assault \(nv.gov\)](http://www.nv.gov/AdvisoryCommitteeontheRightsOfSurvivorsofSexualAssault)

### **6. Website developer**

(State the name of the developer of your website. If it was not developed by the Division of Enterprise Information Technology [IT] Services [formerly known as DoIT], Department of Administration, indicate whether Enterprise IT Services approved the website.)

Office of the Attorney General, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

**7. Executive director’s name and contact information**

(Regardless of the title of the position, provide contact information for the person responsible for the operations of the board, commission, or entity.)

There is no Executive Director; rather statute states, “ The Attorney General shall provide staff to carry out the duties of the Advisory Committee.” The Executive Assistant to AG Ford organizes logistics for the meeting.

**8. Staff members’ names, including titles and full-time or part-time status**

(Provide each employee’s name, title, and employment status.)

Not applicable.

**9. Days and hours of operation**

(Provide the days and hours the office of the board, commission, or entity is open to the public and the availability of its staff.)

Not applicable.

**10. Created by what authority**

(Cite the section or sections of NRS creating the board, commission, or entity.)

Chapter 178A

**11. Authority to adopt regulations (NRS) and citation to Nevada Administrative Code (NAC)**

(Cite the sections of NRS that authorize or require the board, commission, or entity to adopt regulations and the sections of NAC that contain your regulations.)

The Advisory Committee has no authority to promulgate regulations.

**12. Five regulations most recently adopted, date of adoption, and any deadlines for adoption**

(List the last five regulations by LCB File number adopted by the board, commission, or entity; the date of adoption; and any deadlines for adoption pursuant to statute.)

Not Applicable.

**13. Required regulations that have not been adopted with deadlines for adoption**

(If a section of NRS or a bill passed by the Legislature requires the adoption of regulations and the board, commission, or entity has not adopted the regulations yet, list the regulations and cite the statute pursuant to which the adoption of the regulations is mandated.)

Not Applicable

**14. Governing structure of the board, commission, or entity pursuant to statute**

(Provide a brief description of the governing structure; a copy of the organizational chart is requested later on the form.)

Per statute, "Each appointed member serves a term of 2 years. Members may be reappointed for additional terms of 2 years in the same manner as the original appointments. Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the Advisory Committee must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment not later than 30 days after the vacancy occurs. 6. At the first regular meeting of each odd-numbered year, the members of the Advisory Committee shall elect a Chair by majority vote who shall serve until the next Chair is elected. 7. The Advisory Committee shall meet at least once annually at a time and place specified by the Chair and may meet at such further times as deemed necessary by the Chair. 8. A majority of the members of the Advisory Committee constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business, and a majority of those members present at any meeting is sufficient for any official action taken by the Advisory Committee."

**15. Duties of the board, commission, or entity**

(Either summarize the duties or cite the specific sections of NRS that set forth the duties.)

1. The Advisory Committee shall study practices that are nationally recognized and make recommendations regarding: (a) Whether a need exists for additional sexual assault victims' advocates for survivors and, if such a need exists, the Advisory Committee shall, in conjunction with centers of support for victims of sexual assault, organizations for advocates of survivors and other relevant programs or organizations, create a plan for how the State can provide additional sexual assault victims' advocates to meet such a need, and determine the cost of such a plan. (b) Whether the need exists to expand the right of a survivor to a sexual assault victims' advocate beyond the forensic medical examination and with a law enforcement official interview, and if such a need exists, the Advisory Committee shall: (1) Identify the scope and nature of the need; and (2) Make recommendations on how to best fill such a need. (c) Whether a need exists to provide ongoing evaluation of the implementation of the rights of survivors pursuant to the Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights and, if such a need exists, the Advisory Committee shall: (1) Identify the scope and nature of the need; and (2) Make recommendations on how to best fill such a need, legislatively or otherwise. (d) The effectiveness of the statewide program to track sexual assault forensic evidence kits pursuant to NRS 200.3788. 2. In fulfilling the duties

prescribed by subsection 1, the Advisory Committee shall collect: (a) Data regarding reporting of sexual assaults, arrests relating to sexual assaults, rates of prosecutions relating to sexual assaults, access to victims' services for survivors and any other relevant data necessary relating to sexual assaults for the deliberations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee and, if such data does not exist, the Advisory Committee shall encourage the creation and maintenance of such data; and (b) Feedback from stakeholders, practitioners and leadership of state and local law enforcement agencies, victims' services, practitioners of forensic science and health care communities to inform the development of best practices for the future, or clinical guidelines regarding the care and treatment of survivors. 3. In undertaking the duties prescribed by subsection 1, the Advisory Committee may retain independent experts. Such experts may: (a) Request files and records from any law enforcement official. The information obtained from such a request must be kept strictly confidential and reported only as aggregated or anonymized data. (b) Conduct confidential interviews with law enforcement officials, medical providers, sexual assault victims' advocates and other such persons with direct knowledge of the response process for sexual assaults. (c) Provide recommendations to the Advisory Committee. 4. On or before September 1 of each even-numbered year, the Advisory Committee shall: (a) Prepare a report that includes the results of the assessments, developments and recommendations pursuant to this section. (b) Submit the report prepared pursuant to paragraph (a) to the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau for submission to the Legislative Commission.

## **16. Objectives and programs of the board, commission, or entity**

(Provide a brief description of each of the objectives and programs.)

The Advisory Committee has two main objectives, both of which have been accomplished. First, to create a document explaining the rights of a survivor pursuant to the Sexual Assault Survivors' Bill of Rights and other relevant law; make the document available to medical providers, law enforcement officials and prosecutors. Second, to distribute \$150,000 appropriated to the Office of Attorney General in grants to organizations to recruit and train persons to serve as sexual assault victim advocates.

## **17. Itemized list of services offered by the board, commission, or entity**

(Provide a list of services offered to the public by the board, commission, or entity.)

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**18. Dates of the immediately preceding six meetings**

(List the dates of the last six meetings and include the online location where the minutes can be found [preferably an active link].)

12/12/2022; 10/04/2021; 08/24/2021; 08/28/2020; 12/18/2019; 11/18/2019

**19. Where are meetings of the board, commission, or entity held?**

(Provide the address of the meeting site.)

Place of Meeting: Attorney General's Office Executive Conf. Room 100 N. Carson Street Carson City; Nevada Attorney General's Office 555 E. Washington Ave. Grant Sawyer Bldg. #390 Las Vegas; Nevada Microsoft Teams Call.

**20. Do members of the public have to be present at the meeting site to participate, or are teleconferencing and videoconferencing offered?**

Yes.

**21. Statutory tax exemptions, abatements, or money set aside for the board, commission, or entity**

(Cite each section of NRS that provides for such an exemption, abatement, or set-aside; budget information is requested later on the form.)

Assembly Bill 176 of the 2019 session appropriated \$150,000 in 2019 and 2020 fiscal years to award grants of money to organizations to train and recruit advocates for sexual assault. However, \$150,000 was reverted back to the legislature during the 31st Special Session, (Assembly Bill 3, Section 61). The Office of the Attorney General identified grant dollars to supplant the funding. All dollars were appropriated.

**22. The manner in which the board, commission, or entity is funded**

(Describe all sources of funding including appropriations, fees, grants, interest income, or other sources of revenue.)

Other than the one-time appropriation, there is no specific source of funding for the Advisory Committee.

**23. Required public forms that are not available on the website of the board, commission, or entity**

(List all forms that are not available electronically to the public, but which are required to comply with a program or service of the board, commission, or entity.)

No applicable.

## **24. Recommendations for consolidation with another board, commission, or entity**

(Is there a recommendation for consolidation with another similar board, commission, or entity? If so, which board, commission, or entity would be the surviving entity? If there is a recommendation for consolidation, list the services also provided by the other board, commission, or entity.)

The Office of Attorney General will be convening the Advisory Committee to discuss the objectives of the board. At the last meeting, the committee had a conversation as to what comes next as their objectives had been achieved. Additionally, the Office of the Attorney General has requested an agenda item at the next Committee on Domestic Violence meeting to discuss consolidation.

## **25. Overlap or duplication of duties or work product**

(Identify any other entity whose duties or responsibilities replicate those of this entity.)

The Attorney General's Committee on Domestic Violence has membership in common with the Advisory Committee on the Rights of Sexual Assault Providers. Similar topics are shared as well, such a subcommittee on SANE exams. The Office of the Attorney General has requested an agenda item at the next Committee on Domestic Violence meeting to discuss consolidation.

## **26. Improved efficiency**

(Are there areas where this board, commission, or entity could benefit from improved workflow, mechanics, or other efficiencies?)

The Advisory Committee met and worked diligently to accomplish their 2 main objectives. Ongoing monitoring of the work may be better accomplished in another venue. The Office of Attorney General is exploring such options.

## **27. Effectiveness in accomplishing the objectives, programs, and purposes of the board, commission, or entity**

(Provide an assessment of the board, commission, or entity's effectiveness in meeting its objectives and programs; provide information that is relevant to the response.)

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## **28. Recommended statutory changes necessary to carry out objectives and programs**

(Summarize any recommended statutory changes needed by the board, commission, or entity to carry out its objectives and/or programs.)

At present, no additional authority is requested. However, the Attorney General would like to update the Sunset Subcommittee on the consolidation conversation, once the item has been discussed and voted upon by the Committee on Domestic Violence.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BE SUBMITTED BY ALL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, OR ENTITIES**

Submit the following information in PDF format via email to Patrick Guinan, Chief Principal Policy Analyst, Research Division, LCB, at [pguinan@lcb.state.nv.us](mailto:pguinan@lcb.state.nv.us), and clearly identify the electronic name of the document (A, B, C, et cetera) when submitted:

- A. The operating budget of the board, commission, or entity for the 2023–2024 Biennium.  
Not Applicable
- B. A statement setting forth the income and expenses of the board, commission, or entity for at least three years immediately preceding the date on which the board, commission, or entity submits this form, including the balances of any fund or account maintained by or on behalf of the board, commission, or entity. This statement should include all sources of income for the board, commission, or entity and expenditures by category, along with current balances of each fund or account.  
Not Applicable.
- C. The most recent legislative audit, or other audit, of the board, commission, or entity and any efficiency studies or constituent or staff surveys conducted in the past three years. Audits conducted by the legislative auditor may be referenced by number (i.e., LA10 11), as they are available on the Legislature’s website. Copies of all other requested documents must be submitted.  
Not applicable
- D. Any reports required to be filed with the Legislative or Executive Branches over the past three years. If the report is on the Legislature’s website, you may refer to it by number. Otherwise, please provide a copy of the report. Also, note whether any reports were filed late or whether any reports required by statute have not been filed.
  - September 1, 2020 report to the Legislative Council Bureau attached.
  - AB 176 Training of Trainers, Sexual Violence Advocacy
  - Rape Crisis Center Report
- E. A copy of the organizational chart showing the governing structure of the board, commission, or entity and its staff.  
Not Applicable



- F. A copy of the most recent strategic plan of the board, commission, or entity. Indicate the effective date of the plan and the achievement of any goals set out in the plan.
- Not applicable