

**Graham County Attorney's Crime Victim Compensation Program**  
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## **MINUTES**

**FROM CRIME VICTIM COMPENSATION BOARD MEETING THAT WAS HELD ON Wednesday March 15, 2023,** Victim Witness Office, Basement Level 800 W. Main Street .

The Crime Victim Compensation Board members, Felicia Herbert, Kendall Curtis, Michael Andazola, and Eric Bejarano. Elvira Talavera -Victim Witness Program Director, and Destiny Taylor -Victim Advocate were timely, present, and ready for the presentation of business.

The Crime Victim Compensation Board members were presented with facts of each case. These facts were obtained by each individual police reports then presented to the board members by Elvira Talavera Grant Coordinator and Victim Witness Program Director along with supported documentation (Cost estimate of the Victims request if available) for each request of compensation. Please see the following for detailed information of the board meeting:

### **Agenda: Time 8:37am**

#### **I. Review Minutes from last meeting**

*Meeting called to order.*

*Last meeting was Tuesday December 27, 2022.*

- *New hire introduction.*
- *Last Claim denied. Lack of evidence, lack of cooperation with law enforcement.*
- *Other claim, Expenses paid for cremation.*
- *Potential Fundings*
- *Remaining account balance*

*Minutes approved.*

*Motion by Michael, second by Eric.*

*All in favor*

#### **II. Introduction of New Business**

##### **1. New Claims**

##### **a. Claim #06138-rehearing request:**

*Redacted Report Read: Copies are distributed to all members.*

*Elvira reads Compensation rules.*

*Elvira explains the documentation received. The "Bills" submitted do not align with a documented crime. When last claim was denied, Elvia followed protocol and sent letter.*

*Victim asked for a rehearing. Victim has not reported/documentated anything new. Has not cooperated with local law enforcement in discovering and prosecuting the crime.*

*Elvira reads prerequisites/protocols for rehearing.*

*Discussion about rules for compensation.*

*Members discuss how this case clearly does not meet criteria for compensation.*

*Elvira asks each individual if the 5 items pertain to this case:*

*1) Was there any irregularity in the proceedings of the Board or its operational unit or any order or abuse of discretion that deprived the claimant of a fair Board decision?*

*Felicia: No, Eric: No, Kendall: No, Michael: No*

*2) Misconduct of the Board, the operational unit, or staff of the operational unit.*

*Felicia: No, Eric: No, Kendall: No, Michael: No*

*3) Newly Discovered material evidence that could not, with reasonable diligence, have been discovered and produced at the original Board Meeting.*

*Felicia: No, Eric: No, Kendall: No, Michael: No*

*4) Was there error in admission or rejection of evidence or other error of law occurring at the Board Meeting?*

*Felicia: No, Eric: No, Kendall: No, Michael: No*

*5) The decision is Not justified by the evidence or is contrary to law.*

*Trouble understanding the wording on this question-*

*All agree- The decision was justified by evidence and is not contrary to law.*

*Felicia: Eric: Kendall: Michael:*

**b. Claim #06139** -asking for help with medical.

*Redacted report distributed.*

*Members read the report silently/individually.*

*Discussion as to what the Victim is asking help with, which is just her deductibles and co-pays.*

*First Motion by Kendall to approve out of pocket medical expenses, deductibles and co-insurances.*

*Second Motion by Michael*

*All in favor- I.*

*Item set for next agenda for final expenses.*

**c. Claim #06140** -asking for mental help reimbursement.

*Redacted Report distributed.*

*Members read report silently.*

*Elvira explains that they are asking for help with expenses for treatment in mental help.*

*Elvira distributes supporting documents: affidavit, letters from therapists, pharmacy receipts.*

*Discussion had about if it's ok to compensate the behavioral treatment provided prior to discovery of the crime, Discussion about bootcamp- since it wasn't directly treating trauma or behavior because of victimization, and it was prior to discovery of the sexual assault.*

*Insurance has made payments on the claims. Requested aide is only for victim portion of the payment.*

*Kendall asks about ongoing treatment, future costs coming.*

*Elvira explains that we can leave it open and information in the future. Mental health is currently ongoing, mental health has a limit of \$5,000. Medical assistance has a limit of \$25,000. The prescriptions may be ongoing for some time,*

*Motion to approve the mental help therapy and prescriptions.*

*Motion by Eric, Second Motion by Michael. All in favor,*

*Elvira asks? "Will we continue to help until he reaches his max amounts?"*

*Eric replies that the option is available with our current balance.*

*Felicia recommends that we revisit it when she has more documentation.*

*Eric Motions to amend approval: Approved for the total of \$3537.63 and board will revisit when more receipts come in. Second Motion by Michael. All in favor.*

**2. Existing claims**

- d. Not Applicable.

New Meeting set for: *Tuesday, April 11, 2023 @1:30pm.*

Need to review *Claim #06139*

Need to discuss Board Chair position.

**Meeting adjourned. 9:50 a.m.**