

**COLORADO SUPREME COURT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON THE RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
Minutes of Meeting**

Friday, April 17, 2026

A quorum being present, the Colorado Supreme Court’s Advisory Committee on the Rules of Criminal Procedure was called to order by Judge Elizabeth Harris at 12:45 pm in the Supreme Court Conference Room. Members present at or excused from the meeting were:

Name	Present	Excused
Judge Elizabeth Harris, Chair	X	
Christian Champagne	X	
Johanna Coats	X	
Judge Kandace Gerdes	X	
Judge Chelsea Malone	X	
Kevin McGreevy	X	
Kevin McReynolds	X	
Kristen Nelson	X	
John Lee	X	
Magdalena Rosa	X	
Karen Taylor	X	
Judge Lindsay VanGilder	X	
Judge Vincente Vigil	X	
Karen Yacuzzo (non-voting participant)	X	

I. Attachments & Handouts

- A. April 17, 2026, agenda packet
- B. January 16, 2026, draft minutes

II. Approval of Minutes

The January 16, 2026, minutes were approved as submitted.

III. Announcements from the Chair

Following the committee’s submission of the proposed rule revisions to the Court, the Court directed Judge Harris to circulate the draft rules to the Chief Judges statewide for their review and feedback. The committee agreed with the few suggestions received except the shorter proposed page limits. After discussing the issue, the committee reaffirmed its original recommendation for a 35-page limit.

IV. Business

- A. **Rule 35(c)** – Proposed Changes to Form 4 and Comments vs. Amendments (**Judge Gerdes**)

The subcommittee has spent many hours on this topic. Form 4 received edits from both SCAO and this subcommittee leading up to this meeting. Following several clarifying edits, the subcommittee will continue working on improvements to the form.

Regarding the rule itself, the subcommittee recommended that all instances of *petition* be changed to *motion*. The committee voted unanimously to adopt this recommendation.

Next, the subcommittee queried whether committee comments and citation to case law might be more appropriate than revisions to Rule 35. The subcommittee will continue their work.

B. Colorado Rules for Civil Infractions (Judge Harris and Johanna Coats)

Judge Harris reported that another committee will handle this issue.

C. Colorado Rules Traffic Infractions – Justice Blanco’s and Judge Lane’s Emails

Kevin McGreevy, John Lee, and Christian Champagne will examine the issues raised in these emails.

D. Rule 16 – Attorney Request to Update Language for Modern Forms of Communication and CDAC Request

At the last meeting, the subcommittee discussed whether the rule should be modified to explicitly include modern forms of communication. A motion and second were taken to not change the rule, and it failed. The committee decided to table the issue until the next meeting. Most members think there should be a rule change. Those members who have suggestions should send those ideas to the committee for consideration well ahead of the next meeting.

The committee adjourned at 3:34 pm.

V. Future Meetings

July 17, October 16