

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

Friday, January 16, 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 |
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| 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. January 16, 2026 agenda
- B. October 17, 2025 draft minutes
- C. HB23-1187 memo
- D. Draft Rule 37.1 materials

II. Approval of Minutes

The October 17, 2025, minutes were approved as submitted with the correction of deleting an inaccurate sentence and marking two members present.

III. Announcements from the Chair

Chair Judge Harris thanked Abe Hutt for his decades of distinguished service on the committee and contributions to the practice of law in general. Judge Harris then welcomed new member Kristen Nelson, Mr. Hutt’s replacement. The committee discussed proxy voting, which was not allowed under the last chair. Members noted that being present for the committee’s conversation can be vital in forming an opinion and that not allowing proxy voting has long been the custom of the committee. A few members who assigned their proxy vote to a member for this meeting are not present to weigh in, so the committee will consider this at the next meeting.

IV. Business

A. Colorado Rules for Civil Infractions – Proposal from Grand County Attorney’s Office (Judge Harris)

Shira Cohen, Grand County Assistant County Attorney, sent a request to the committee to address procedural conflicts between enforcement statutes and the Colorado Rules for Civil Infractions. Members of the committee do not believe they are knowledgeable enough in this area of law to provide practical advice. The committee voted to decline to consider this issue.

B. Crim. P. 37 and 37.1 (Judge Harris and Johanna Coats)

Judge Harris presented a proposal for the committee’s consideration following a request from various clerks to amend Rule 37 to align more closely with C.A.R. 10. The committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed changes.

C. Crim. P. 16 – Attorney Request to Update Language for Modern Forms of Communication (Judge Malone, Magdalena Rosa, and Kevin McReynolds)

After some discussion of the requests, the committee voted to table this item of business.

D. Gendered Language in the Rules

The committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed rule changes following some group edits.

The committee adjourned at 3:34 pm.

V. Future Meetings

April 17, July 17, October 16