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## **PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to the “Open Public Meetings Act,” N.J.S.A. 10:4-9.3 et seq., the **Victims of Crime Compensation Review Board** hereby gives digital Notice that it will hold a public appeal hearing and public meeting on **Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.** Open Session will reconvene at 3:00p.m., after the conclusion of the Executive Session, which will commence at 1:00 p.m. The only business to be conducted in the 1:00 p.m. Open Session will be the reading of the public notice statement, roll call, and the exception, under the Open Public Meetings Act, for each item to be considered in Executive Session.

**The meetings will be virtual.** Members of the public may join the hearing and meeting by clicking on the attached link:

<https://njoag.zoomgov.com/j/1607255573?pwd=WGY5T1ZNSEloNmIHVHhucDFGblZ1QT09>

The business meeting enables the Victims of Crime Compensation Review Board to consult with the Director in matters regarding practices and procedures of the office, and to review aggregate claims received and paid by the VCCO, as well as operations of the office. Additionally, it allows the Board to review and approve rules and regulations, standards, and maximum rates and service limitations proposed by the VCCO.

It is anticipated that public action may be taken.

Public comments will only be accepted in writing prior to the meeting. Any public comments should be submitted by emailing [VCCOAppeals@njvictims.org](mailto:VCCOAppeals@njvictims.org).

The email should contain the name of the submitter. The Review Board will make its best effort to read any comments received into the record during the meeting.

**VCC Review Board**  
**Appeal Hearings and Business Meeting Agenda**  
**December 14, 2023**

1. Call to order and statement regarding the Open Public Meetings Act- Acting VCCRB Chair
2. Roll call - Acting VCCRB Chair
3. Open Public Meeting - Acting VCCRB Chair
4. Executive Session (Appeal Hearings)
5. Reopen Public Meeting for reading of Appeal Hearing Determinations-Acting VCC Review Board Chair.
6. Approval of August 10, 2023 Business Meeting Minutes and Public Hearing Minutes - Acting VCCRB Chair
7. Operation/Policy Matters - Director, Mary Ellen Bonsper
  - Acting Governor Way signed Bill (A-4978) on October 17, 2023 which formally establishes the Division of Violence Intervention and Victims Assistance within the Department of Law & Public Safety.
  - VCCO will be proposing a legislative change to accept the Forensic Nurses Exam in lieu of a police report for sexual assault victims in 2024.
  - VCCO is projecting an increase in new claim applications and claim awards in FY24.
  - 2024 VCCRB Hearing & Business Schedule.
8. Preliminary Statistics & Report to Review Board on statistical information of cases heard. Appeals Coordinator, Richard Gill
9. Status on pending Review Board decisions. Appeals Coordinator, Richard Gill
10. New Business

