



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5120:1-1-14 Victim conference.

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(A) The adult parole authority will make staff available to meet with the victim, the victims representative, or one or more members of the victims immediate family as defined in section 2967.12 of the Revised Code to discuss the potential release of an inmate scheduled for a release consideration hearing. Victim conferences are held within a reasonable period of time preceding the release consideration decision. Victim conferences are scheduled at the request of the victim, the victims representative, or a member of the victims immediate family.

(B) Each victim conference is up to one hour in duration and conducted by a person or persons identified by the parole board chair or the chair's designee. Victim conferences may be conducted virtually at the discretion of the parole board chair or the chair's designee.

(C) A victim conference may be attended by three individuals, not including adult parole authority staff. The number of attendees may exceed three individuals if prior approval is given by the parole board chair or the chair's designee. If the number of individuals seeking to attend a victim conference exceeds the number of individuals authorized to attend a single victim conference, the adult parole authority shall, upon request, schedule one or more additional victim conferences if the release consideration hearing that is the subject of the conference pertains to an aggravated murder; murder; an offense of violence as defined in section 2901.01 of the Revised Code of the first, second, or third degree; or any other offense for which a sentence of life imprisonment was imposed.

(D) During a victim conference, the victim, the victims representative, or a member of the victims immediate family may provide any information that the attendee considers relevant. An attendee may supplement any information that the attendee provides orally during the conference with information provided through various media, including, but not limited to, written correspondence, photographs, video tapes, or audio tapes. Victim conference communications are confidential and not public records under section 149.43 of the Revised Code.