

# UNITED VOICES for Sex Offense Reform

## Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 1, 2025, 7:30 PM EST / Via ZOOM

Attendees: 18

### Overview for Meeting

- Group Discussion
  - Call to order, review, and approve the last meeting minutes
  - Non-profit update
  - Team Updates
    - Three-minute updates by team leaders with additional time for Q&A
    - Please use the “Raise Your Hand” function to ask questions
- Other Business
- Roundtable

### Group Discussion

1. Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM EST and review of last meeting – Group  
The 3/4/2025 meeting minutes were approved and will be posted on the [website](#).
2. Non-Profit Updates – Jenny L., President  
Board members meet monthly and are working on processes and applications to be implemented in 2025.
  - The board approved implementing the New Member Orientation Meetings which will be held at the end of each quarter. New members are given opportunities to learn about the organization’s mission and advocacy alignment, gain insights on how to navigate the group’s social media platform, and the use of meaningful advocacy dialog. The first meeting was held on 3/18/2025 and the next meeting will be held on 6/24/2025.
  - The next board meeting is scheduled for 4/6/2025.
3. Advocacy Participation Team (APT) – Rita B.
  - The APT is reaching out to Facebook members who have not provided email addresses or state information and asking them to identify their priorities and concerns.
  - The team is emailing members who are not on Facebook with updates that have been shared in the FB group.
4. State Coalitions Team (SCT) – Jenny L.
  - A team meeting was held on 2/24/2025. The meeting was attended by members from 18 states. Future SCT meetings will be held bi-monthly, with the next meeting scheduled for 4/28/2025.
  - Jenny L. and Gail L. are working with the Chicago 400 Alliance on advocating for an Illinois state bill that would reduce residency restrictions from 500’ to 250’.

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5. Welcome Team – Ann S. and Shep S.

The team reaches out with an email to new members who have attended their first meeting to welcome and encourage them, give helpful information for resources, and to answer any questions they may have.

6. Communication Team (CT) – Tabled until the next general meeting.

7. Call to Action (CTA) – Tabled until the next general meeting

All members are encouraged to present any ideas they have for bringing awareness and addressing current issues that impact us and our LO. The CTA team assists teams and members in bringing forth and presenting action items to the group along with providing direction for contacts. The UV4SOR [website](#) has links to help find legislative leaders and their contact information.

8. No More Silence Project – Betty B.

- The team has mailed the first four packets of letters along with an introduction letter from UV4SOR.
- Sherry C. is submitting a story written by her 13-year-old granddaughter.

9. Fundraising Team – Rita B.

- The fundraiser [Country Meats](#) and has been shared in the Facebook group. Anyone that has questions can contact Rita at [rbetty@uv4sor.org](mailto:rbetty@uv4sor.org).
- The Kroger and Tru-Earth fundraising campaigns are ongoing.
- Donations can be made to UV4SOR through our [website](#).

10. PR/Marketing Team – Jenny L.

- The next meeting on 4/15/2025 features guest speaker Dwayne Daughtry, a long-standing advocate, thought leader, and Distinguished Board Member of our Executive Board.
- The following meeting on 4/29/2025 is a Healing Tuesday event with guest speaker Joe Nicholson from Pathfinder Initiative.

### Other Business

Joe M. discussed the Michigan Supreme Court ruling regarding lifetime monitoring.

### Roundtable

- No new members were in attendance tonight.
- Several members shared some updates about their LO and the group discussed state registry restrictions and ideas for challenging sex offense laws as unconstitutional.

The next general meeting date is Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 7:30 p.m. EST.

8:33 p.m. EST meeting adjourned.