

VERMONT SUPREME COURT  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RULES FOR PUBLIC  
ACCESS TO COURT RECORDS

**Meeting Agenda for January 9, 2026**

**1. Chair Tomasi: Meeting Opening**

Announcements and General Discussion.

**2. Approval of Minutes from the September 12, 2025 meeting.**

**3. Public-Access Status of Inquests, Subpoenas Duces Tecum, and Nontestimonial Orders**

At the last meeting, the Committee voted to send the draft amendment adding new subsections (b)(18) and (19) to Rule 6. These provisions clarify that records of inquests and NTOs are not publicly accessible. The comment period ended on December 6, 2025, and the amendments were discussed at the December 12, 2025 meeting of the Legislative Committee on Judicial Rules. Vote on promulgation?

**4. Public-Access Status of Emancipation Cases**

At the last meeting, Tanya Marshall noted that VSARA is making updates to emancipation case files. She has found nothing in our statutes or rules about the public-access status of emancipation cases and sought input on how to treat them.

**5. Update to PACR 5 & 6 Appendices**

Review proposed updates to PACR 5 & 6 Appendices.

**6. Online Access to Court Records**

There may be an effort in the upcoming legislative session to pass laws allowing online access to court records. Does the Committee wish to discuss or weigh in?

**7. New Business; Set Next Meeting**