

MEMORANDUM

To: Committee Chairs
From: Nate Reitz, Task Force Chair
Date: January 21, 2026
Subject: Committee Preparation For February 13 Task Force Meeting

In preparation for our February 13 meeting, I am asking each of you to do three things:

- Convene your committee before February 13 (if it helps, there will be a 9 AM option on February 13; contact Don Klick for help with that);
- As a committee, attempt to preliminarily answer the four questions for each of your committee's two evaluation domains PLUS the shared domain of Public Safety (see explanation below); and
- As a chair, be prepared to lead the entire Task Force on February 13 in a discussion of your committee's two domains, with the goal of arriving at Task Force consensus answers for each of the four questions.

The seven evaluation domains are taken from Ashley Sturz-Griffith's policy-evaluation framework. At the February meeting, we will be applying this framework to the **two mandatory minimums** found in Minn. Stat. § [609.11](#):

- Possessing a firearm or ammunition after having been convicted of or adjudicated delinquent for a crime of violence (5 years, sometimes waivable); and
- Committing a listed offense with a dangerous weapon (1 year & 1 day, 3 years, or 5 years, sometimes waivable).

For each of the seven evaluation domains, the task force will be attempting to answer two questions per mandatory minimum, for a total of four questions per domain:

- How well or poorly does this mandatory-minimum policy accomplish the goals implied by the description of this evaluation domain?
- What additional information does the Task Force need to refine its answer to this question, or to recommend improvements to this policy with respect to this domain?

A matrix explaining the seven domains, your committee's assignments, and the four questions applicable to each domain, is on the following page. Please keep in mind that **all committees** are assigned the shared domain of Public Safety.

Evaluation Domain	Lead Committee	Policy: Mandatory minimum for possessing firearm/ammo after crime of violence		Policy: Mandatory minimums for committing a listed offense with a dangerous weapon	
		How well does it accomplish domain's implied goals?	What else do we need to know?	How well does it accomplish domain's implied goals?	What else do we need to know?
A. Public safety <i>Does the policy promote or undermine public safety?</i>	All				
B. Fairness & proportionality <i>Does the policy ensure the sentence reflects culpability and properly punishes the person being sentenced?</i>	Legal purpose/ analysis				
C. Equity & disparities <i>Does the policy reduce, perpetuate, or worsen disparities regarding those affected?</i>	Data				
D. Impact on victims/survivors <i>How does this policy affect victims/survivors and their senses of safety, healing, autonomy, etc.?</i>	Stakeholder input				
E. System functioning & feasibility <i>Is the policy feasible? Does it support the functioning of the criminal legal system?</i>	Stakeholder input				
F. Fiscal & resource impact <i>What are the financial implications of the policy (e.g., prison/jail populations, court workload, county costs, treatment capacity)?</i>	Data				
G. Unintended consequences & risk <i>Does this policy create harmful or counterproductive outcomes (e.g., charge stacking, coercive pleas)?</i>	Legal purpose/ analysis				