



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

FSC LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

October 24, 2019 10:00 AM

Office of Court Administration

Tom C. Clark Building

1st Floor Conference Room

205 West 14th Street

Austin, Texas 78701

During this meeting, the LAC may consider and take action on the following items. The LAC may take breaks as necessary.

1. Introduction of new committee members. (Hilbig)
2. Review and adoption of minutes from August 15, 2019 meeting. (Hilbig)
3. Administrative update, including number of licenses issued, implementation of continuing forensic education reporting and renewal functions in TopClass, revisions to website regarding renewals; discuss resignation of licensing board member Thomas Ashworth and nomination from TDCAA to fill the prosecutor seat on the Licensing Advisory Committee. (Garcia/Savage/Soward)
4. Discuss statistics requirement and decide how many CFE hours to award for completion of the statistics course; review any outstanding statistics course evaluation requests. (Hilbig)
5. Discuss and make recommendations regarding Waiver Applications for Laboratory Support Personnel. (Hilbig)
6. Discuss and make recommendations regarding any outstanding criminal history results. (Hilbig)
7. Discuss and evaluate outstanding technical reviewer license applications. (Hilbig)
8. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding blanket license applications; discuss August 16, 2019 full Commission decision on blanket licensing requirements and status of rule publication; review and develop recommended responses to any public comments on the blanket rule changes; decide whether to recommend blanket licensees complete CFE requirements; discuss and recommend whether current blanket licensees transferring to a laboratory in Texas and seeking full licensure must comply with current requirements or requirements in place at the time they originally applied. (Hilbig)

9. Discuss and evaluate any temporary license application requests. (Hilbig)
10. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding fourth exam requests. (Hilbig)
11. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding CFE course approval requests; update on options for sponsoring CFE for disciplines that don't have as many available options for CFE (*e.g.*, Materials (Trace)), including contracting with an expert to provide discipline-specific training to licensees. (Hilbig)
12. Update on Exam Evaluation Committee progress, including status of exam questions and progress on re-recording exam study videos. (Hilbig)
13. Review published/outstanding licensing rules, including:
 - a. Clarifications to provisional license eligibility;
 - b. Specification of CFE for Technicians; and
 - c. Blanket rule revisions. (Savage)
14. Update from Mandatory Legal and Professional Responsibility Training Development group. (Hines/Hilbig)
15. Update on the Commission's recommendation to adopt OSAC Registry standards. (Garcia)
16. Review and update on any specific coursework and minimum education requirement transcript review requests. (Hilbig)
17. Discuss the Crime Scene Working Group's development of a licensing program for crime scene reconstruction, including bloodstain pattern analysis and corresponding licensing requirements for the discipline. (Hilbig)
18. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors. (Stout)
19. Schedule and location of future meetings.
20. Hear public comment.
21. Adjourn.