



TEXAS FORENSIC
SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

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MEETING AGENDA

January 27, 2023 at 9:00 AM

Stephen F. Austin Building
1700 North Congress Avenue
Room 170
Austin, Texas 78701

During this meeting, the Forensic Science Commission (“Commission”) may consider and possibly take action on the following items. The Commission may take breaks as necessary. The Commission may meet in closed session on any item listed below, as authorized by the Open Meeting Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

1. Call meeting to order. Roll call for members. Excuse any absent board members.
2. Review and adopt minutes from October 7, 2022 Forensic Science Commission first quarterly meeting.
3. Office administrative update (Introduce new attorney Veena Mohan; FY2023 second quarter budget status report; updates from conferences and trainings by staff, including February 2023 American Academy of Forensic Sciences Annual Meeting; launch of licensing database functions). (Garcia/Tomlin)
4. Review and adopt amendment to rules to effectuate revisions to investigative process, including elimination of panels in favor of delegation of investigations to staff and permanent retention of subject matter experts to assist with technical aspects of investigative process and report-writing.
5. Discuss and consider complaints and laboratory self-disclosures pending from October 7, 2022 quarterly meeting and new complaints and laboratory self-disclosures received through January 6, 2023, as detailed below.

Disclosures Received as of January 6, 2023:

1. No. 22.52; Jefferson County Regional Crime Laboratory (Firearms/Toolmarks)
2. No. 22.58; Houston Forensic Science Center (Seized Drugs)
3. No. 23.01; Fort Worth Police Department Crime Laboratory (Firearms/Toolmarks)
4. No. 23.02; Fort Worth Police Department Crime Laboratory (Quality System)
5. No. 23.03; Bexar County Criminal Investigation Laboratory (Seized Drugs)

Complaint Pending from October 7, 2022:

6. No. 22.40; Nix, Meda (Department of Public Safety (DPS) Austin; Breath Alcohol)

Complaints Received as of January 6, 2023

7. No. 22.45; King, Tommy (Dallas Police Department; Forensic Biology/DNA)
 8. No. 22.46; Hyland, Richard (DPS Corpus Christi; Blood Alcohol)
 9. No. 22.47; Rodriguez, Mark Anthony (DPS Lubbock; Forensic Biology/DNA)
 10. No. 22.49; Henderson, Arthur (Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences; Toxicology)
 11. No. 22.54; Cowan, Linda (DPS Austin; Firearms/Materials/(Trace))
6. Discuss status of crime laboratory accreditation program, including accreditation activities, communications and reports received since October 7, 2022 quarterly meeting; approve rulemaking related to final transition of American Board of Forensic Toxicologists accreditation program to the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB), discuss progress on incorporation of Commission assessment checklist, including November 11, 2022 staff meeting with ANAB and December 15, 2022 staff meeting with the American Association for Laboratory Accreditation (A2LA) regarding TFSC assessment checklist, and meetings regarding feedback from Texas Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers. (Garcia/Tomlin)
 7. Discuss licensing advisory committee update, including:
 - a. Licenses issued and renewed;
 - b. Licensee renewal nonconformance report (Plano Police Department);
 - c. Voluntary licensure; and
 - d. Full transition to General Forensic Analyst Licensing Exam II. (Garcia/Tomlin)
 8. Update from investigative panel for self-disclosure #22.17 Fort Worth Police Department Crime Laboratory and adoption of final report (Proficiency Testing; Reaccreditation Assessment by ANAB).
 9. Update regarding ExperTox #20.55 appeal and discussion/adoption of amended final revised investigative report (Toxicology).
 10. Update regarding complaint #21.27 University of Colorado, National Innocence Project on behalf of Nanon Williams (Houston PD/Houston Forensic Science Center) (Firearms/Toolmarks).

11. Update from investigative panel for self-disclosure #21.72 Brazoria County Crime Laboratory (Toxicology).
12. Update from investigative panel for complaint #22.16 Webster, Joseph (Ron Smith & Associates; Latent Prints).
13. Update from investigative panel for self-disclosure #22.39 Bode Technology (Forensic Biology/DNA).
14. Discuss current forensic development training and education projects, including:
 - a. February 2-3, 2023 meeting with DNA laboratories at the University of North Texas Health Science Center/Center for Human Identification to discuss suitability determinations for DNA mixture profile interpretation;
 - b. DNA training for lawyers and judges in collaboration with Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Barbara Hervey;
 - c. Training presentation on Colone report adopted at October 2022 quarterly meeting;
 - d. February 13, 2023 presentation to Texas Center for the Judiciary Criminal Justice Conference;
 - e. OSAC implementation initiatives including NIST/AAFS grant progress; and
 - f. Sponsorship of laboratory manager class at National Forensic Leadership Academy.
15. Update regarding 88th Legislative Session.
16. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors.
17. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting.
18. Schedule and location of future panel and quarterly meetings, including and April 14, 2023 and July 21, 2023 quarterly meetings.
19. Hear public comment.
20. Adjourn.

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