

**Texas Forensic Science Commission
Minutes from January 25, 2019 Meeting in Austin, Texas**

The Texas Forensic Science Commission met at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 25, 2019 at the Tom C. Clark Building, 1st Floor Conference Room, 205 West 14th Street, Austin, Texas 78701.

Members of the Commission were present as follows:

Members Present: Barnard, Budowle, Daniel, Drake, Johnson, Kerrigan, Parsons, Downing

Staff Present: Lynn Garcia, General Counsel
Kathryn Adams, Commission Coordinator
Leigh Savage, Associate General Counsel

- 1. Review and adopt minutes from October 5, 2018 Forensic Science Commission Quarterly meeting.**

MOTION AND VOTE: *Daniel moved to adopt the meeting minutes draft. Budowle seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

- 2. Office administrative update (FY2019 budget status report second quarter).**

Staff reported on the status of the FY2019 budget. Staff explained the \$138,000 reduction in budget this fiscal year per the Commission's legislative appropriation for this biennium and the offset of funds in the amount of up to \$70,000 in licensing fees this fiscal year.

- 3. Discuss and consider pending complaints and laboratory self-disclosures as well as new complaints and self-disclosures received through January 11, 2019.**

Disclosures Pending from October 5, 2018 Quarterly Meeting

1. No. 18.39; Department of Public Safety – Garland (Seized Drugs)

A self-disclosure by DPS – Garland reporting an incident in its seized drugs section where the laboratory discovered drug evidence was lost during the process of outsourcing the evidence to NMS for analysis.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Kerrigan moved to take no further action on the disclosure in light of the additional efforts to ascertain how the evidence was lost undertaken by DPS and NMS as well as the corrective action by both laboratories. Drake seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

*Commissioner Johnson recused himself from discussion and vote on this item.

Disclosures Received as of January 11, 2019

2. No. 18.45; Houston Forensic Science Center (Latent Prints)

A self-disclosure by Houston Forensic Science Center reporting an incident in its latent print section where an examiner issued a preliminary AFIS association report under the wrong HFSC forensic case number. The error was not identified during the review process.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Johnson moved to take no further action on the disclosure given the corrective actions taken by the laboratory, including revisions to the SOP and retroactive case review. Parsons seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

3. No. 18.48; Department of Public Safety – Lubbock (Blood Alcohol)

A self-disclosure by DPS Lubbock reporting an incident in its toxicology section where a blood kit was lost.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Parsons moved to take no further action on the disclosure given the corrective actions taken by the laboratory, including the 100% vault review and other attempts to retrieve the missing evidence. Budowle seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

General Counsel, Lynn Garcia, discussed with Commissioners that DPS is reviewing its SOP's and making changes with respect to this incident and the DPS – Midland incident reported this quarter. DPS will provide follow up when available.

*Commissioner Johnson recused himself from discussion and vote on this item.

4. No. 18.51; Department of Public Safety – Lubbock (Seized Drugs)

A self-disclosure by DPS Lubbock reporting an incident in its seized drugs section where evidence from a case was destroyed by mistake.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Kerrigan moved to take no further action on the disclosure given the corrective actions taken by the laboratory. Downing seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

*Commissioner Johnson recused himself from discussion and vote on this item.

5. No. 18.52; Houston Forensic Science Center (Crime Scene)

A self-disclosure by Houston Forensic Science Center reporting an incident in its crime scene section where a crime scene investigator used her own alternate light source at multiple crime scenes to identify biological fluids such as blood, saliva and semen.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Daniel moved to take no further action on the disclosure given the corrective actions taken by the laboratory and to concur with the laboratory's professional misconduct finding. Budowle seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

6. No. 18.56; Department of Public Safety – Midland (Seized Drugs)

A self-disclosure by DPS Midland reporting an incident in the laboratory's seized drug section where .13 grams of cocaine for one case was missing.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Daniel moved to take no further action on the disclosure given the corrective actions taken by the laboratory, including attempts to retrieve/locate the evidence and repositioning the analyst's workplace. Drake seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

*Commissioner Johnson recused himself from discussion and vote on this item.

7. No. 19.03; Department of Public Safety – Austin (Forensic Biology)

A self-disclosure by DPS Austin reporting an incident where DNA evidence was excluded during a pre-trial evidentiary hearing due to policy violations by an analyst that came to light during testimony by the analyst at the hearing.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Daniel moved to refer the disclosure to an outside panel of experts for investigation, review and disposition (consisting of Dawn Boswell, Tarrant County Assistant Criminal District Attorney and Criminal Conviction Integrity Unit Chief, Michael Coble, Associate Director of the University of North Texas Health Science Center – Center for Human Identification (“UNTHSC-CHI”), and Christina Capt, UNTHSC-CHI Forensic Analyst Technical Leader) given that the analyst who is the subject of the disclosure is currently employed at the Forensic Science Commission. Parsons seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

*Commissioners Budowle and Johnson recused themselves from discussion and vote on this item.

Complaints Pending from October 5, 2018 Quarterly Meeting

8. No. 18.25; Keller, Chance D. (Department of Public Safety – Waco; Firearms/Toolmarks)

A complaint by Rob Keller for defendant Chance D. Keller, alleging incomplete DNA mixture and blood analyses by a DPS Waco analyst who retired without reporting all results obtained in the case, inadequacies in DPS Austin and DPS Waco laboratories for their inability to perform requested testing (DNA on bullet casings and testing to determine whether bullet casings were from a particular weapon) and failure to send items to other qualified laboratories or individuals to perform testing not done in DPS laboratories.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Daniel moved to dismiss the complaint and to follow up with DPS on its system-level review of quality issues identified in the case folder. Parsons seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

9. No. 18.40; Tyler Flood & Associates (Department of Public Safety – Houston; Blood Alcohol)

A complaint by Tyler Flood & Associates reporting blood evidence mis-delivered by DPS to Mr. Flood's law office.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Daniel moved to dismiss the complaint and send a letter to Mr. Flood describing the circumstances and corrective actions taken by DPS. Drake seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

*Commissioner Johnson recused himself from discussion and vote on this item.

Complaints Received as of January 11, 2019

10. No. 18.42; Richard, Tyrone D. (Houston Forensic Science Center/HPD; Toxicology)

A complaint by Tyrone Richard alleging a probation officer in Harris County withheld urinalysis records of negative drug tests in what appears to be a revocation of his parole for a possession of cocaine charge.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Parsons moved to dismiss the complaint for failure to state an allegation of negligence or misconduct with regard to the analysis in the criminal case as the complaint is about the urinalysis performed during probation compliance and to explain to the complainant the test is a presumptive test not subject to review by the Commission. Drake seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

11. No. 18.43; Davis, Tommy W. (SANE K. Tarla-Rash; Sexual Assault Examination)

A complaint by Tommy Davis alleging a sexual assault nurse examiner caused injuries to the victim in his case, not Mr. Davis's assault of the victim.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Kerrigan moved to dismiss the complaint for failure to state a credible allegation of negligence or misconduct related to the sexual assault nurse's exam in the case. Johnson seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

Members also discussed the Commission may not have jurisdiction over sexual assault nurse examinations where the primary purpose of the exam is medical practice and not determining the connection of any physical evidence to a criminal action.

12. No. 18.47; Mediano, Jacob (UNTHSC-CHI; DNA Paternity – Criminal)

A complaint by Jacob Mediano alleging UNTHSC-CHI failed to follow protocol and the law with respect to the DNA (paternity) analysis in his case.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Johnson moved to dismiss the complaint as there is no indication of any irregularity with the work performed by the laboratory. Parsons seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

*Commissioner Budowle recused himself from discussion and vote on this item.

13. No. 18.49; Sharmen, George for Patel & Guzman (Department of Public Safety – Austin; Blood Alcohol)

A complaint by defense attorney George Scharmen alleging DPS – Austin denied his request for copies of blood alcohol control data charts (or “batch rejection data”) from a blood alcohol batch that includes data for two of his clients in violation of the laboratory’s own disclosure policy.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Daniel moved to dismiss the complaint and provide Mr. Scharmen with the explanation prepared by DPS. Budowle seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

*Commissioner Johnson recused himself from discussion and vote on this item.

14. No. 18.50; Scharmen, George for Seaman (Department of Public Safety – Austin; Blood Alcohol)

A complaint by defense attorney George Scharmen alleging blood alcohol batch results that included results for his client were not scientifically reliable and notification to other defendants included in the batch should occur.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Kerrigan moved to dismiss the complaint and provide Mr. Scharmen the memorandum provided by DPS. Drake seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

*Commissioner Johnson recused himself from discussion and vote on this item.

15. No. 18.53; Spence, Michael (Department of Public Safety – Weslaco; Forensic Biology)

A complaint by DNA consultant Michael Spence alleging forensic biology test results in a case he reviewed involving defendant Sam Benson, III were not obtained by DPS – Weslaco analyst Vanessa Nelson pursuant to policy and that Nelson’s professionalism/integrity may be called into question based on a prior incident when Nelson was employed at HPD.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Kerrigan moved to table the complaint pending receipt of DPS’s quality incident report with regard to Ms. Nelson’s error in failing to notate “sperm detected” on the report. Parsons seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

*Commissioner Johnson recused himself from discussion and vote on this item.

16. No. 18.54; Morgan; Brandon (HCIFS; Toxicology)

A complaint by Brandon Morgan alleging Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences toxicologists delayed COHb testing to secure probable cause that led to his arrest and conviction for murder.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Kerrigan moved to dismiss the complaint for failure to state an allegation of negligence or misconduct with respect to the forensic analysis in the case. Parsons seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

17. No. 18.57; O'Brien, George (Houston Forensic Science Center; Latent Prints)

A complaint by George O'Brien alleging the Houston Police Department withheld fingerprint evidence that could have cleared him in the unauthorized use of a motor vehicle charge.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Daniel moved to dismiss the complaint for failure to state an allegation of negligence or misconduct with respect to the forensic analysis in the case. Parsons seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

Dr. Peter Stout, CEO And Director of the Houston Forensic Science Center, briefly spoke on the lab's inquiry into the complaint. The lab found a latent card on the complaint, but could not find further information.

18. No. 19.01; Waterfield, Robert (SWIFS/Dallas PD; DNA)

A complaint by Robert Waterfield alleging law enforcement used fabricated evidence to obtain a DNA search warrant in his case.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Daniel moved to dismiss the complaint for failure to state an allegation of negligence or misconduct with respect to the forensic analysis in the case. Johnson seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

19. No. 19.02; Benson, Sam (Department of Public Safety – Weslaco; Maintenance Issue)

A complaint by Samuel Benson regarding the Alerton Building Automation System at the DPS Weslaco lab.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Budowle moved to dismiss the complaint for failure to state any allegation that would impact the results of a forensic analysis. Downing seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

*Commissioner Johnson recused himself from discussion and vote on this item.

**Complainant Sam Benson attended the meeting in person and gave comments later in the agenda with respect to this complaint and Complaint No. 18.53 above. Benson requested the Commission investigate the complaints.

4. Update from Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors.

Peter Stout, President of the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors (“TACL D”), gave an update from the January 24, 2019 TACL D meeting. Stout reported that Lynn Garcia gave a presentation and update on Commission activities, including the licensing program and members also discussed arranging a web presentation by Mike Coble on STRMix for laboratory directors. Aliece Watts was elected the new secretary of TACL D. Stout discussed concerns with the use of Rapid DNA technology by police and other investigating agencies. Stout agreed to be the TACL D legislative liaison to the Commission’s Legislative Committee during the current legislative session.

5. Discuss status of crime laboratory accreditation program, including:

a. Accreditation non-conformances received since October 5, 2018 quarterly meeting;

Savage described accreditation reports and non-conformances received since the October 2018 meeting.

b. Discuss and adopt rule exempting the forensic discipline Document Examination from accreditation requirements;

Members discussed providing an exemption from accreditation and licensing requirements for the forensic discipline of document examination. Currently, there is only one Texas entity (DPS) accredited by the Commission to perform document examination. Tex. Code Crim. Proc. art. 38.35 excludes any evidence in a criminal action where the laboratory conducting the forensic analysis is not accredited by the Commission. Since there is only one accredited, state-funded entity available for document examination, defendants may argue 38.35 violates a defendant’s constitutional right to due process under the 14th amendment of the Constitution because it restricts a defendant’s access to experts. Members discussed researching whether there are other entities available that may consider becoming accrediting by the Commission. Staff will research the issue and call all of the out-of-state laboratories listed by the main national accrediting bodies, A2LA and ANAB, as performing document examination to find out whether they would consider performing Texas casework, becoming Texas-accredited and having their analysts individually licensed by the Commission for purposes of performing defense work.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Kerrigan moved to approve an exemption from accreditation requirements for the forensic discipline document examination pending confirmation by staff there are no available accredited entities out-of-state. Daniel seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

c. Discussion and consideration of laboratory requests to recognize CLIA certification and PJLA accreditation;

Members discussed considering PJLA as a recognized accrediting body for forensic laboratories. PJLA typically accredits environmental and industrial testing laboratories to ISO standards but does not have a history of accrediting forensic laboratories. The organization has expressed some interest in adding forensic components to its accreditation.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Kerrigan moved deny the request to recognize PJLA as an accrediting body, but to follow up with the organization on the forensic components the Commission is requesting and reconsider the request once these components are satisfied. Daniel seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

Members discussed recognizing CLIA certification. Dr. David Green, Dr. Sumandeep Rana, and Jeff King spoke on behalf of Redwood Toxicology, the entity that made the request for recognition. Members discussed that CLIA is not an accrediting body per se, but that certain components are as robust as other recognized accrediting bodies. Members also discussed the need to encourage confirmatory, not just presumptive testing as an overarching policy matter.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Kerrigan moved to draft an exemption from accreditation requirements for presumptive tests conducted principally for the purpose of medical treatment that may later be used in a criminal action as long as the testing was conducted in a CLIA certified laboratory. Parsons seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

d. Rule revision to limit CAP accreditation to CAP's Forensic Drug Testing accreditation program.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Kerrigan moved to adopt the revised CAP rule clarifying recognition of CAP's Forensic Drug Testing program only. Johnson seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

6. Discuss Licensing Advisory Committee, including:

a. Update on licenses issued;

Staff provided an update on licenses issued. Staff has issued 1154 total licenses to individuals, consisting of 672 analysts, 23 provisional (includes one provisional technician), 25 technicians, 38 forensic biology screeners, and 8 blanket licenses (consisting of 396 individual licensees). Staff expects a total of 460 blanket licensees and expects a handful of new hire licensees each month. Blanket and provisional licenses expire within a one year period and all regular licenses expire after two years from the date of issuance.

b. Update on final publication of licensing rules including the following:

- i. Continuing Forensic Education Requirements;**
- ii. Harmonization of Accreditation and Licensing Rules;**
- iii. Removal of Knowledge-based Competency Requirements;**
- iv. Military Licensing Fee Waiver;**
- v. Exemption for Work Prior to January 1, 2019;**

vi. Blanket License for Out-of-State Labs.

Staff reported the rules in b. above have been published and adopted into the Commission's administrative rules.

c. Discuss possible future revisions to blanket rule;

Members discussed forming a task group to work on revisions to the blanket rule. Staff will work to convene the group

MOTION AND VOTE: *Budowle moved to establish a working group to evaluate the appropriate level of oversight and application cost for blanket laboratories to include Chris Heartsill, Licensing Committee member and Quality Manager at Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office Crime Laboratory, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Budowle, and Commissioner Kerrigan. Parsons seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

d. Review outstanding draft licensing rules and proposed rule concepts for approval, including:

i. Rule expanding pre-Jan 1 exemption to include forensic disciplines later subject to accreditation requirements (e.g., bloodstain pattern analysis);

MOTION AND VOTE: *Daniel moved to adopt the draft rule expanding the pre-Jan 1 exemption to include forensic disciplines later subject to accreditation requirements. Downing seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

ii. Rule allowing university students to take forensic analyst and/or technician exam and revision to rule for fourth exam requests to require a letter of support from laboratory director;

MOTION AND VOTE: *Johnson moved to adopt the draft rule allowing university students to take the forensic analyst and/or technician exam one time and to revise the "fourth or more" exam request rule to state the applicant may provide a letter of support from the laboratory director. Staff will also make revisions to leave the number of allowable examination attempts subject to determination by the Committee. Downing seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

iii. Discuss rule regarding Presiding Officer or Designee authority on criminal history reviews/denials;

Members discussed a draft rule that would defer criminal history determinations to the Commission's General Counsel for offenses that have occurred more than 10 years prior to the date of application and for which General Counsel is granting the application. Permitting General Counsel to make these determinations will allow applications to be processed more efficiently.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Johnson moved to adopt a rule that defers to the Commission's General Counsel criminal history determinations for offenses beyond 10 years from the date of application for which the application will be granted.*

iv. Rule revision to provide clarification with regard to the applicability of the technical reviewer's license;

MOTION AND VOTE: *Johnson moved to adopt a draft rule providing clarification that the technical reviewers license only applies to tech reviewers who would not otherwise be eligible for the license and does not apply to personnel who strictly perform tech review and are otherwise eligible for a license. Parsons seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

v. Discuss rule regarding provisional licenses and exam attempts.

Members discussed proposing a rule that would limit the term of a provisional license where a provisional licensee becomes ineligible for the license after a third failed exam attempt.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Drake moved to draft a rule that requires a license candidate who has failed the general forensic analyst or technician exam three times to apply to the Commission for special dispensation for a fourth attempt at the exam within thirty (30) days of the date they receive notice of the failure. If the Commission grants the applicant's fourth exam request, the applicant must complete the exam successfully within ninety (90) days or their provisional license is revoked on the ninety-first (91st) day. Budowle seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

e. Deliberate regarding criminal case evaluation and table for licensees.

The Commission reviewed an applicant's criminal history with multiple offenses that occurred within the past five years. The candidate is also still on probation.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Drake moved to deny the candidate's forensic analyst license application given the candidate's recent criminal history and active probation status and instruct the candidate to reapply after he/she has successfully completed probation. Johnson seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

7. Update on NMS Torney DNA review.

Garcia explained the final report from NMS's subject matter expert hired to conduct an internal review at NMS issued her final report a day prior to the quarterly meeting. Koehler and Garcia will review her findings and report back at the Commission's next quarterly meeting.

8. Presentation from NIST representatives on implementation possibilities for OSAC standards and guidelines in Texas and discussion regarding same.

The presentation did not occur since NIST representatives were unable to attend due to the federal government shutdown.

9. Update from investigative panel regarding Culbertson (DPS El Paso; Blood Alcohol) #18.21, including report from November 2, 2018 panel call and January 8, 2019 online presentation.

Members of the panel briefly reported on investigative activities, including a phone call/presentation by complainant Amanda Culbertson and follow-up items pending with DPS.

10. Update from investigative panel regarding Sorenson (Forensic Biology) #18.30, including report from on-site laboratory audit.

Budowle presented a PowerPoint summarizing the details from the on-site laboratory audit at Sorenson. The Commission's Senior Scientific Advisor, Jody Koehler, Commissioner Budowle, and DPS Biology Program Coordinator, Vanessa Nelson, conducted the Sorenson audit in late November 2018. Garcia also described the different remedial activities by Sorenson. The investigative panel expects to have a final report in the matter for review at the May quarterly meeting.

***Public Comment:** At this point in the agenda, Commission Chair Barnard, allowed public comment from member of the public Sam Benson with respect to complaints number #18.53 and #19.02 above. Benson requested the Commission investigate the allegations in the complaints.

11. Update from Crime Scene Investigation Working Group, including report from November 13, 2018 meeting in Austin

Celestina Rossi, Crime Scene Investigator at Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, described the updates and rewrite that have occurred in collaboration with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to add 40 hours of crime scene investigation training to the Basic Peace Officer Training Course. The Crime Scene Investigation Work Group's next task is to establish Texas-based accreditation standards in the area of crime scene reconstruction, including bloodstain pattern analysis.

12. Report from statistical sampling committee meeting in Bryan, Texas on November 30, 2018 and discussion of draft guidelines.

Garcia and commissioners reported on the statistical sampling committee meeting that occurred in Bryan, Texas on November 30, 2018. The group is working on the development of guidelines for laboratories with respect to appropriate statistical sampling in forensic nonconformances. The group expects to have draft documents at the Commission next quarterly meeting in May.

13. Update on publication of HB-34 report on crime scene and field drug testing.

Garcia briefly updated members on the publication of HB-34. Garcia reported the Texas State Bar formed a working group to study the Raman spectroscopy technology. DPS is in the process of

purchasing a tabletop Raman and working on its validation and will issue a report in collaboration with the State Bar working group.

14. Discuss support for laboratories on validation and implementation of probabilistic genotyping software.

Mike Coble addressed commissioners in a presentation about the STRMix symposium/training that occurred at the University of North Texas Health Science Center – Center for Human Identification last November. Members proposed the formation of a Probabilistic Genotyping Review Committee to establish guidelines with respect to the use of STRMix.

MOTION AND VOTE: *Parsons moved to establish a Probabilistic Genotyping Review Committee to develop guidelines for the use of STRMix in laboratories and provide assistance to laboratories that have questions about the software. Johnson seconded the motion. The FSC unanimously adopted the motion.*

15. Update on triage projects for DNA mixture review; update on Austin Police Department cases under review by UNTHSC-CHI.

Bob Wicoff, Appellate Division Chief at Harris County Public Defender’s Office and attorney in charge of the DNA Mixture Review, reported his office has reviewed over 2700 cases. There was only one case where a “could not be excluded” changed to an exclusion. Wicoff will have a lengthy report at the conclusion of the review before the end of the calendar year. Dawn Boswell, Assistant Criminal District Attorney and Chief of the Conviction Integrity Unit at Tarrant County District Attorney’s Office, reported most of her office’s cases are just waiting on the defense. For all but 20, the office has made decisions and only 2 had any real impact. One case is in the process of being retested.

16. Legislative update and committee re-activation.

Garcia provided a brief legislative update with regard to bills that may affect the Commission. There is one bill outstanding (SB-284) for the Commission’s enabling statute. Members reconvened its Legislative Development Committee that consists of Commissioners Barnard, Johnson and Daniel.

17. Update from Governor’s Appointee Training.

Members Downing and Drake attended the Governor’s Appointee training held December 8, 2018 and reported on the training.

18. Discuss developments with respect to kit backlog reduction and standardization efforts.

Downing and other members discussed state kit backlog reduction and standardization efforts. Members discussed an outstanding bill that creates a commission to address the issues. Downing

expressed concern that there is only one seat for a sexual assault nurse examiner on the proposed commission. Members will continue to track activities for this agenda item.

19. Report from various recent and upcoming conference presentations by staff.

Garcia briefly reported on staff presentations at various conferences.

20. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting.

Staff will include agenda items as indicated throughout the meeting on next meeting's agenda.

21. Schedule and location of future panel and quarterly meetings.

The Commission plans to meet for its third quarterly meeting of fiscal year 2019 on May 3. The Commission plans to set its July and October 2019 meeting dates before the May meeting.

22. Hear public comment.

Public comment was provided as noted throughout the agenda.

23. Adjourn.