



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

MEETING AGENDA

October 2, 2015 at 9:00 AM

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The Commission may meet in closed session on any item listed below, if authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Annotated, Chapter 551. During this meeting, the Commission may consider and take action on the following items. The Commission may have a morning break, a lunch break, and an afternoon break if necessary.

1. Review and adopt minutes from August 13, 2015 Blazek (Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences-Firearms/Tool Marks) Investigative Panel Meeting, August 13, 2015 Powell (Forensic Video Analysis) Investigative Panel Meeting, August 13, 2015 Complaint Screening Committee Meeting, August 14, 2015 Integrated Forensic Laboratories Self-Disclosure (Firearms/Tool Marks) Investigative Panel Meeting, and August 14, 2015 Forensic Science Commission Quarterly Meeting. (Di Maio)
2. Office administrative update (FY2015 budget closing; staff position re-classifications, staffing/consulting additions and recommendations, office minor construction, technology/database improvements, laboratory accreditation tracking/reporting system) (Garcia/Tomlin/Adams)
3. Discuss and consider recommendations from complaint screening committee concerning pending complaints and laboratory self-disclosures and all complaints or self-disclosures received through September 18, 2015. (Eisenberg)

Disclosures Received as of September 18, 2015

- a) No. 2012.15.02; Austin Police Dept. Crime Lab (Crime Scene Reports)
- b) No. 2013.15.03; Corpus Christi Police Dept. Forensic Services (Missing Evidence)

Complaints Received as of September 18, 2015

- a) No. 1110.15.08; Redd, Eloy (Deb Parks; Sexual Assault Nurse Examination)
- b) No. 1111.15.09; Wilcox, James (Dept. Public Safety Waco; DNA)
- c) No. 1112.15.10; Davis, Stevie L. (Dept. Public Safety Garland; Blood Alcohol)

- d) No. 1113.15.11; Hazlip, Rodney (Dept. of Public Safety Houston; Blood Alcohol)
 - e) No. 1114.15.12; Sailus, Jeff (Procedural Complaint Against FSC)
4. Discuss development and implementation of crime laboratory accreditation program. (Tomlin)
 5. Discuss status of forensic examiner licensure requirement, including discussion of advisory committee establishment, selection of members and scheduling of additional December 2015 meeting to review applications and select members in time for January 2015 statutory deadline. (Mozayani)
 6. Discuss Rio Grande Identification Project, including September 28, 2015 meeting in Edinburg regarding establishing a method for collecting DNA and other forensic evidence related to unidentified bodies located within 120 miles of the Rio Grande River. (Hughes-Stamm/Eisenberg/Tomlin)
 7. Update from Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors. (Gibbens)
 8. Update from Hair Microscopy Panel, including notification recommendations based on September 11, 2015 review team meeting, finalization of notification letters and communication of same to stakeholders; discussion of transcript review, distribution of workload and training for clinic/law firm participants. (Garcia/Vilbas/Roady)
 9. Update from Blazek (SWIFS–Firearms/Tool Marks) #14-08 investigative panel, including reconsideration of professional negligence analysis. (Di Maio)
 10. Update from IFL (Firearms/Tool Marks) #14-07 investigative panel, including review and adoption of final report. (Mozayani)
 11. Update from Bell County (Forensic Video Analysis) #14-1 investigative panel, including review of expert (Fredericks/Mills) reports and findings. (Barnard)
 12. Update from Bite Mark Panel (Chaney–National Innocence Project) #1109.15.07 including report on meeting of September 16, 2015 in Dallas; analysis of integrity and reliability per statutory requirement; retroactive case identification; communications with American Board of Forensic Odontology, other members of forensic odontology community and criminal justice stakeholders; scheduling of next panel meeting. (Kessler/Alpert/Di Maio/Mozayani)
 13. Update from DNA Mixture Interpretation Panel including meeting in Dallas on September 18, 2015, meeting with national experts and discussion of action items, budget, resource needs, notification issues, retroactive case review process. (Garcia)
 14. Update on arson case review and implementation of recommendations. (Connealy/Vilbas)
 15. Update from forensic development committee: (Garcia)

- a. Status of scenario-based ethics training;
- b. Status of *Morton/Brady* training project.

16. Report from National Commission on Forensic Science. (Di Maio)

17. Report from Organization of Scientific Area Committees. (Garcia)

18. Report on various recent and upcoming conferences (August 19-20 CAILAW Innocence Seminar in Plano; August 25-27 NIJ Trace Evidence Symposium in San Antonio). (Garcia)

19. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting. (Di Maio)

20. Schedule and location of future panel and quarterly meetings. (Di Maio)

21. Hear public comment. (Di Maio)

22. Adjourn.

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