



## TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

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### **FSC LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

#### **MEETING AGENDA**

**July 7, 2016 at 9:30 AM**

Omni Austin Southpark  
4140 Governor's Row  
Austin, Texas 78744

**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 take breaks as necessary.**

1. General updates from June 14, 2016 Licensing Advisory Committee meeting including review and adoption of minutes from June 14, 2016 meeting. (Hilbig)
2. Administrative update (outstanding reimbursements, status of licensing program software acquisition and Legislative Appropriations Request update). (Garcia/Tomlin/Adams)
3. Review proposed educational statutory requirements for each accredited forensic discipline for which licensing will be required, including possible waivers for certain requirements as needed. (Hilbig)
4. Review proposed knowledge-based competency exam criteria for each accredited discipline. (Hilbig)
5. Review and discuss proposed license discipline categories and subcategories chart. (Hilbig)
6. Review and discuss component requirements matrix for each forensic discipline. (Hilbig)
7. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Director's July 7, 2016 meeting and comments related to the proposed license discipline categories and subcategories, the proposed requirements matrix, and the proposed exam criteria for each forensic discipline. (Roger Kahn)
8. Discuss legislative requests, revisions and/or clarifications to the statutory licensing requirement and report to legislature for 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. (Daniel/Garcia)
9. Discuss funding necessary to fulfill the licensing requirement including application processing fees, continuing education requirements and renewal costs. (Hilbig/Garcia)

10. Discuss possible need for provisional licensing for new hires and the forensic disciplines for which a provisional license may be necessary. (Hilbig)
11. Discuss temporary licensing issue for examiners who primarily practice out of state, but occasionally testify in Texas and legislative recommendations regarding the same. (Hilbig)
12. Discuss concerns regarding defense access to forensic analysis in light of requirements. (Daniel)
13. Discuss the “technician” license sub-category for each accredited forensic discipline and whether a “technician” designated license is necessary.
14. Discuss grandfathering issues related to licensing including examiners who retire or move to other fields but return to testify. (Hilbig)
15. Consider proposed agenda items for next meeting.
16. Schedule and location of future meetings.
17. Hear public comment.
18. Adjourn.

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