



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

FSC COMPLAINT SCREENING COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

May 25, 2017 at 3:00 PM

Omni Austin Southpark
4140 Governor's Row
Austin, Texas 78744
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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 take breaks as necessary.

1. Discuss factual information, allegations and potential recommendations for complaints and laboratory self-disclosures received through May 11, 2017, the Commission's 15-day deadline for receipt of complaints and self-disclosures this quarter, or left pending from the Commission's February 10, 2017 quarterly meeting.

Disclosures Pending from February 10, 2017

1. No. 17.01; Houston Forensic Science Center (Biological Screening/DNA)
2. No. 17.03; Houston Forensic Science Center (Toxicology)

Disclosures Received as of May 11, 2017

1. No. 17.12; NMS (Toxicology – Signature Issue)
2. No. 17.17; NMS (Toxicology – Cannabinoids)
3. No. 17.18; Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office (Toxicology)
4. No. 17.22; Houston Forensic Science Center (Crime Scene Unit)
5. No. 17.25; Jefferson County Regional Crime Lab (Drug Chemistry)
6. No. 17.26; DPS El Paso (Lost DNA Evidence)
7. No. 17.27; DPS Midland (Barcode Issue/Lost Evidence)
8. No. 17.28; DPS Garland (Blood Alcohol)

Complaints Pending from February 10, 2017

1. No. 16.54; Gulley, Britney (SWIFS; Firearms/Toolmarks)
2. No. 16.69; Richards, Dylan (DPS Garland; Blood Alcohol)
3. No. 17.04; Gefrides, Lisa (Houston Forensic Science Center; Biology/DNA)

4. No. 17.05; Innocence Project of Texas (DPS Austin; DNA-CODIS)

Complaints Received as of May 11, 2017

1. No. 16.41; Moreno, Jr., Valentin (Dr. A. J. Alamia; Forensic Psychology Testimony)
 2. No. 16.52; Resendez, Eustorgio (DPS Austin; Firearm/Toolmark)
 3. No. 17.07; Turner, Bronwen (Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences; Firearm/Toolmark)
 4. No. 17.09; Washington, Kenneth Wayne (Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences; Serology/DNA)
 5. No. 17.13; Hill, Anthony (Max Courtney; Crime Scene Reconstruction)
 6. No. 17.16; Booker, Billy Joe (NMS/IFL Bedford; Blood Alcohol)
 7. No. 17.19; Thain, Blake Allen (Harris County Sheriff's Office; Firearm/Toolmark)
 8. No. 17.21; Cervantes, Reynaldo (DPS McAllen; Serology)
 9. No. 17.23; Ghant, Travis (Scott & White – Temple Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Alice Lindner; S.A.N.E).
 10. No. 17.24; Smithwick, Roy (Bexar County Criminal Investigation Lab; Serology and Ballistic)
 11. No. 17.29; Drummer, Cornell (Bexar County Criminal Investigation Lab; Firearm/Toolmark)
2. Discuss granting staff discretion to dismiss complaints that are requests for DNA testing and complaints related to non-physical evidence, such as forensic psychology and forensic hypnosis because these disciplines fall outside the Commission's jurisdiction as they are not "forensic analysis" in accordance with Tex. Code Crim. Proc. art 38.35 (a)(4).
 3. Hear public comment.
 4. Adjourn.

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