



## TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

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### **MEETING AGENDA**

**April 4, 2014 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 shall have morning breaks and a lunch break:**

1. Review and adopt minutes from 1/10/14 (full Commission) and 11/22/13 (hair microscopy panel) meetings. (Di Maio)
2. Office administrative update (discussion of FY2014 budget items; information technology update; new website; and new complaint forms, including distribution in TDCJ's prisoner handbook, possible summer intern). (Garcia/Heidenreich)
3. Discuss and consider recommendations from Complaint Screening Committee concerning pending complaints and self-disclosures. (Eisenberg)
4. Update on Attorney General Opinion Request submitted by District Attorney Rod Ponton and Status of Responses. (Garcia)
5. Update from Houston Police Department Crime Lab Director Irma Rios on transition to Houston Forensic Science LGC and recent Bromwich report.
6. Update on arson case review and implementation of recommendations. (Chris Connealy, State Fire Marshal/Jeff Blackburn, Innocence Project of Texas)
7. Update from the FSC's Hair Microscopy Panel, including introduction of technical review team co-chairs, and recommended action items from March 7, 2014 meeting in Houston. (Kerrigan)

8. Texas Department of Public Safety–Houston Self-Disclosure #12-06, including latest re-test results and release of Texas Court of Criminal Appeals opinion in *Ex Parte Coty*. (Kerrigan/Garcia)
9. Texas Department of Public Safety-El Paso #11-11 language clarification addendum request from TACLD (Garcia).
10. Forensic Development Committee update, including funding of two half FTE’s for certification training support at Sam Houston State University and the University of North Texas Health Science Center, report from crime lab manager academy in Fort Worth, discussion of collaboration on Web-based training, ASCLD/LAB assessor training support and Foresight program including hosting of Dr. Paul Speaker at June TACLD meeting. (Kerrigan/Eisenberg/Di Maio/FSC Staff)
11. Report from AAFS February 2014 annual meeting attendance and presentations. (Di Maio/Kerrigan/Eisenberg/Garcia)
12. Report from February 3-4 National Commission on Forensic Science meeting. (Di Maio/Garcia)
13. Report from February 28, 2014 Actual Innocence seminar at the Center for American and International Law in Plano, Texas. (Garcia)
14. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting. (Di Maio)
15. Schedule and location of future meetings. (Di Maio)
16. Hear public comment. (Di Maio)
17. Adjourn.

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