



## TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

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### **FSC LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

#### **MEETING AGENDA**

**May 10, 2016 at 10:00 AM**

Stephen F. Austin Building

1700 North Congress Avenue, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Room 172

Austin, Texas 78701

**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. General updates from April 11, 2016 Licensing Advisory Committee meeting including review and adoption of minutes from April 11, 2016 meeting. (Hilbig)
2. Administrative update (reimbursements, distribution of materials and any other outstanding orientation items, discussion of staff research related to cost of licensing program including software, web design and processing fees, Commission Legislative Appropriations Request update, review of Licensing FAQ's for Commission website). (Garcia/Tomlin/Adams)
3. Discussion of presentations and remaining questions related to the certification body presentations from the Licensing Advisory Committee's April 11, 2016 meeting including the Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners (AFTE), Eric Collins; American Board of Criminalistics (ABC), Chris Taylor; International Association for Identification (IAI), Bob Garrett; American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT) and American Board of Clinical Chemistry (ABCC), Robert Middleberg), including discussion of some of the general issues regarding certification/licensing that have surfaced at the national level. (Miller/Ward/Sliter/Middleberg)
4. Review proposed, outlined educational and other statutory requirements for each accredited forensic discipline for which licensing will be required. (Hilbig)
5. Discussion of potential educational and other requirements for accredited forensic disciplines for which certification or a certification body is not yet available or for which there is no specific examination available. (Hilbig)

6. Discussion of legislative recommendations, revisions and/or clarifications to the statutory licensing requirement and report to legislature for 85<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. (Daniel/Garcia)
7. Discussion of funding necessary to fulfill the licensing mandate including the cost of certification body examinations, Forensic Science Commission application processing fees, continuing education requirements and renewal or re-certification costs. (Hilbig/Garcia)
8. Discussion of the provisional licensing issue and the forensic disciplines for which a provisional license will be necessary to fill the interim period between certification and certification eligibility. (Hilbig)
9. Discussion of temporary licensing issue for examiners who primarily practice out of state, but occasionally testify in Texas and legislative recommendations regarding the same. (Hilbig)
10. Discussion of grandfathering issues related to licensing including examiners who retire but come back to testify. (Hilbig)
11. Development and discussion of next steps to fulfill statutory requirements contained in Tex. Code Crim. Proc. art. 38.01 § 4-a (b)-(f), including questions received from community. (Hilbig)
12. Consider proposed agenda items for June 14, 2016 and July 7, 2016 meetings.
13. Schedule and location of future meetings.
14. Hear public comment.
15. Adjourn.

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