



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

MEETING AGENDA

October 22, 2021 at 9:00 AM

Stephen F. Austin Building

1700 North Congress Avenue

Room 170

Austin, Texas 78701

During this meeting, the Commission may consider and take action on the following items. The Commission may take breaks as necessary. The timing of agenda items provided below are estimates.

1. Call meeting to order. Roll call for members. (Barnard) (2 min)
2. Review and adopt minutes from July 16, 2021 Forensic Science Commission Quarterly meeting and July 15, 2021 Forensic Science Commission Complaint Screening Committee meeting. (Barnard) (3 min)
3. Office administrative update (FY2022 budget status report; updates from September 2021 Administrative Law Conference; update on database project with Office of Court Administration IT). (Garcia/Tomlin) (5 min)
4. Update from investigative panel regarding NMS (Seized Drugs) self-disclosure #21.41. (Buzzini, Drake, Kerrigan, Parsons) (10 min)
5. Discuss and consider pending complaints and laboratory self-disclosures as well as new complaints and self-disclosures received through October 1, 2021. (Daniel) (75 min)

Disclosures Received as of October 1, 2021

1. No. 21.21; Houston Forensic Science Center (Crime Scene Investigation Unit)
2. No. 21.40; Corpus Christi Police Department (Serial Number Restoration)
3. No. 21.44; Jefferson County Regional Crime Laboratory (Forensic Biology Screening)
4. No. 21.47; Department of Public Safety El Paso (Forensic Biology/DNA)
5. No. 21.49; Fort Worth Police Department Crime Laboratory (Forensic Biology/DNA)
6. No. 21.50; Harris County Institute of Forensic Science (Materials (Trace): Paint Analysis)

7. No. 21.52; Harris County Institute of Forensic Science (Seized Drugs)
8. No. 21.53; Houston Forensic Science Center (Forensic Biology/DNA)

Complaints Received as of October 1, 2021

9. No. 21.27; University of Colorado Law School (Houston Police Department Crime Laboratory; Firearms/Toolmarks)
 10. No. 21.45; Fuller, Lawrence (Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences; Firearms/Toolmarks)
 11. 21.46; Lewis, Damon Earl (Kim Bassinger; Sexual Assault Nurse Examination)
 12. No. 21.54; Smiley, James (Austin Police Department Crime Laboratory/Signature Science; Forensic Biology/DNA)
 13. No. 21.55; Johnson, Jerry (Department of Public Safety Lubbock; Serology and Footwear Analysis)
6. Discuss and vote on general administrative rulemaking, including rule revisions responsive to legislative changes to the Commission's statute effective September 1, 2021. (*Garcia/Tomlin*) (15 min)
 7. Discuss status of crime laboratory accreditation program, including accreditation non-conformances and reports received since July 16, 2021 quarterly meeting. (*Garcia/Tomlin*) (15 min)
 8. Discuss licensing advisory committee update, including:
 - a. Update on licenses issued and renewed;
 - b. Address reported licensing issues received since July 16, 2021 quarterly meeting;
 - c. Update on launch of remote exam testing and proctoring;
 - d. Update on piloting of General Forensic Analyst Licensing Exam II; and
 - e. Consider and vote on candidates for Licensing Advisory Committee open seats. (*Garcia/Tomlin*) (30 min)
 9. Review and adopt final report from investigative panel regarding Southwestern Institute of Forensic Science (Firearms/Toolmarks) self-disclosure #21.17. (*Budowle/Daniel/Parsons*) (5 min)
 10. Update from investigative panel regarding Expertox complaint #20.55. (*Kerrigan/Downing/Parsons/Daniel*) (5 min)
 11. Update from investigative panel regarding complaint #21.32; Harris County Public Defender's Office for Theodore Schmidt (Melba Ketchum; Forensic Biology/DNA (Wildlife, Canine DNA)) (*Budowle/Coble/Daniel*) (10 min)
 12. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors. (*Stout*) (5 min)

13. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting. (Barnard)
14. Schedule and location of future panel and quarterly meetings, including January 21, 2022 quarterly meeting. (Barnard)
15. Hear public comment. (Barnard)
16. Adjourn.

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