



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

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FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE **VIDEOCONFERENCE MEETING AGENDA**

October 19, 2023, 10:00 AM

Barbara Jordan State Office Building
1601 Congress Avenue
Room 2.034
Austin, Texas 78701

This meeting of the Texas Forensic Science Commission’s Licensing Advisory Committee (“Committee”) will be conducted as a videoconference meeting pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act, Government Code section 551.127. Members of the Committee and staff may appear remotely. The Committee’s officer presiding over the meeting will be present at the physical location set forth in this agenda. Members of the public may attend the meeting in person at the physical location listed above, where they may participate and make public comment. The videoconference will not include an option for the public to make public comments remotely.

During this meeting, the Committee may consider and possibly act on the following items. The Committee may take breaks as necessary. The Committee may meet in closed session on any item listed below, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

1. Call meeting to order. Roll call for members. Excuse any absent committee members.
2. Review and adoption of minutes from July 20, 2023 meeting.
3. Introduction of new members and selection of a Chair.
4. Administrative update, including discussion of open government trainings, and travel reimbursement instructions for new members, update on number of licenses issued and renewed, update on database project with Office Court Administration, including launch of crime laboratory accreditation status and search functions as well as OSAC Registry implementers search function. (General Counsel Garcia/Associate General Counsel Tomlin/Program Specialist Soward)
5. Review any outstanding coursework evaluations.
6. Review any outstanding criminal history evaluation or other licensee application conduct requests.



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7. Discussion and possible recommendation to full Commission on rule proposal on the further development of voluntary licensure program for unaccredited forensic disciplines, including voluntary licensing for latent prints, crime scene investigation, and crime scene reconstruction disciplines.
8. Update from August 25, 2023 meeting regarding possible Latent Print/Crime Scene Model Training Academy in collaboration with Department of Public Safety and Texas Division of the International Association for Identification and discussion of possible recommendations to full Commission on rulemaking proposal related to the training programs as necessary.
9. Update on status of rule proposal and timeline for changing license expiration dates to expiring on last day of birth month of licensee rather than each even-number year in the Fall.
10. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly Committee meeting.
11. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors.
12. Schedule and location of future Committee quarterly meetings January 25, 2024 quarterly meeting and April 2024 meeting.
13. Hear public comment.
14. Adjourn.

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