



# TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

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## **FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION** **LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **MEETING AGENDA**

**April 23, 2026, 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 (Commission) 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 Texas 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 adopt minutes from the January 29, 2026 meeting.
3. Administrative update including, but not limited to, update on the number of licenses issued and renewed; and status of the implementation of new license application program (ALiS) (Associate General Counsel Tomlin).
4. Review any outstanding coursework evaluations.
5. Review any outstanding criminal history evaluations.
6. Update on development of a guidance document for intra/inter-agency proficiency monitoring programs and standard operating procedures in collaboration with Texas Division of the International Association for Identification (TDIAI), including report from March 30, 2026 – April 2, 2026 Crime Scene Investigator Standard Operating Procedure Development Course in Austin, and establishment of competency exams in connection with voluntary license programs. (Paulson/Rossi/Berg)

7. Discuss and vote on recommended rule changes including, but not limited to, amendments to Section 651.207, Forensic Analyst and Forensic Technician Licensing Requirements, Including Initial License Term and Fee, Minimum Education and Coursework, General Forensic Examination, Proficiency Monitoring, and Mandatory Legal and Professional Responsibility Training, to reduce the number of work experience years required for firearms/toolmarks examiners to qualify for a waiver of coursework or minimum education requirements from five to three years.
8. Update and discussion re: Statewide Working Group on Rapid DNA, including March 6, 2026, meeting, and the Licensing Advisory Committee's Rapid DNA Operator License Subcommittee's April 7, 2026 meeting.
9. Discuss progress on updating the General Forensic Analyst and Technician Licensing Exam, including group assignments for review of the seven domains, updates from recent exam group meetings, and next steps after contracting with psychometrician service, ACS.
10. Update re: Texas Forensic Analyst Apprenticeship Pilot (TFAAP) Program, including but not limited to, status of program development and applicable interim charge.
11. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors (TACLD). (Rossi)
12. Consider possible agenda items for next quarterly committee meeting.
13. Schedule of future quarterly committee meetings including, but not limited to, scheduled meetings for July 30, 2026; October 22, 2026; January 28, 2027; and April 29, 2027, and July 29, 2027.
14. Public comment.
15. Adjourn.

**If you have any questions, please contact Chelsea Estes, Commission Coordinator, at (512) 936-0770 or [Chelsea.estes@fsc.texas.gov](mailto:Chelsea.estes@fsc.texas.gov) or Maggie Sowatzka, Program Specialist, at [maggie.sowatzka@fsc.texas.gov](mailto:maggie.sowatzka@fsc.texas.gov). Persons with disabilities who plan to attend a commission meeting and need assistance should contact the commission office no later than 7 business days prior to the meeting, so arrangements may be made.**