



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

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FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION
LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AGENDA
July 30, 2026, 10:00 AM

Barbara Jordan State Office Building
1601 Congress Avenue
Room 2.035
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 April 23, 2026 quarterly committee meeting.
3. Administrative update including, but not limited to, update on the number of licenses issued and renewed; status of the implementation of new license application program (ALiS); and review of committee member terms. (Associate General Counsel Tomlin).
4. Discuss General Forensic Analyst Licensing Exam II audit and final corrective action report.
5. Review any outstanding coursework evaluations for license qualification.
6. Review any requests for criminal history evaluation submitted to the Commission per 37 Texas Administrative Code, Section 651.218, Preliminary Evaluation of License Eligibility Based on Criminal History.

7. 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 possibly scheduling additional Crime Scene Investigator Standard Operating Procedure Development Courses in Austin, and establishment of competency exams in connection with voluntary license programs. (Paulson/Rossi/Berg)
8. 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.
9. Discuss possible changes to work experience years required for waiver of coursework and/or education requirements for other mandatory forensic disciplines.
10. Update and discussion regarding Statewide Working Group on Rapid DNA, including June 12, 2026 meeting, and the Licensing Advisory Committee's Rapid DNA Operator License Subcommittee's upcoming September 4, 2026 meeting.
11. Discuss progress on updating the General Forensic Analyst and Technician Licensing Exam, including the June 23, 2026 content specification review with the contracted psychometrician service, ACS Ventures, and next steps for exam question development by domain subcommittees.
12. Update regarding Texas Forensic Analyst Apprenticeship Pilot (TFAAPP) Program including, but not limited to, status of program development and applicable interim charge.
13. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors (TACLD). (Peter Stout, TACLD President)
14. Consider possible agenda items for next quarterly committee meeting.
15. Schedule of future quarterly committee meetings including, but not limited to, scheduled meetings for October 22, 2026; January 28, 2027; and April 29, 2027, July 29, 2027, and October 21, 2027.
16. Public comment.
17. Adjourn.

If you have any questions, please contact Chelsea Estes, Commission Coordinator, at (512) 936-0770 or Chelsea.estes@fsc.texas.gov or Maggie Sowatzka, Program Specialist, at maggie.sowatzka@fsc.texas.gov. Persons with disabilities who plan to attend a commission

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