



## TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

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### **MEETING AGENDA**

**April 12, 2016 at 8:00 AM**

Omni Austin Southpark  
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Austin, Texas 78744  
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**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. Review and adopt minutes from February 11, 2016 Licensing Advisory Committee meeting, February 11, 2016 Bite Mark Panel meeting, February 12, 2016 Complaint Screening Committee meeting, and February 12, 2015 Forensic Science Commission Quarterly meeting. (Di Maio)
2. Office administrative update (FY2016 budget status update; discussion of 2017 legislative appropriations request (LAR) and meetings with SHSU, technology/database/website improvements). (Garcia/Tomlin/Adams)
3. Discuss and consider recommendations from complaint screening committee concerning pending complaints and laboratory self-disclosures and all complaints or self-disclosures received through March 28, 2016. (Barnard)

#### Disclosure Pending from February 12, 2016

1. No. 15.05; DPS—Weslaco (Latent Print)

#### Disclosures Received as of March 28, 2016

2. No. 15.04; DPS—Abilene (Controlled Substance)

#### Complaints Received as of March 28, 2016

3. No. 16.07; Douthit (SWIFS, Ballistics)
4. No. 16.09; Kujala (Fort Worth Police Department Crime Lab, Firearms/Toolmarks)
5. No. 16.10; Hayes (McClennan County, Laboratory Unknown, Blood Sugar Test)

6. No. 16.11; Hicks (Child Assessment Center—Houston, Susan Odhiambo, Forensic Interview)
  7. No. 16.12; Anonymous (Houston Forensic Science Center, Toxicology)
  8. No. 16.13; Adams (Grapevine Police Department and Tarrant County District Attorney's Office, Crime Scene Video and Blood Alcohol)
  9. No. 16.16; Lenox (DPS (Garland), Blood Alcohol and Urine Test)
4. Discuss status and any updates for crime laboratory accreditation program, including review and discussion of forensic disciplines previously exempted by DPS and Attorney General Opinion request regarding reporting requirements for unaccredited disciplines under Texas Code of Criminal Procedure article 38.01. (Garcia/Tomlin)
  5. Discuss licensing advisory committee progress and updates, including presentations from certification bodies, scheduling of additional meetings and next steps. (Mozayani/Hilbig)
  6. Discuss Rio Grande Identification Project progress, including teleconferences and collaboration efforts with EAAF, UNT, pathologists and medical examiners (Farley, Stern, and Peerwani), status of comparison of EAAF reference samples to UNT local databank, execution of MOU with instruction and requirements about cross-referencing samples between BODE (which houses EAAF DNA databank) and UNT's local databank of missing person samples, organization of future collection of reference samples in each country to be submitted by an investigative agency that satisfies federal requirements, recent NAMUS meeting hosted by NIJ, and other next steps. (Hughes-Stamm/Eisenberg/Tomlin)
  7. Update from Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors. (Kahn/Gibbens)
  8. Update on Retrograde Extrapolation Education Project. (Alpert)
  9. Update from Hair Microscopy Panel, including notification recommendations, finalization of notification letters and communication of same to stakeholders; update on transcript review. (Garcia/Vilbas)
  10. Update from Blazek (SWIFS—Firearms/Tool Marks) #14-08 investigative panel, including deliberation, review and adoption of final investigative report. (Di Maio)
  11. Update from Bell County (Forensic Video Analysis) #14-01 investigative panel, including deliberation, review and adoption of final investigative report. (Barnard)
  12. Update from Bite Mark Panel (Chaney—National Innocence Project) #15-07, including deliberation, review and adoption of interim investigative report. (Kessler/Alpert/Di Maio/Mozayani)
  13. Status of DNA Mixture Interpretation Review, including:
    - a. Laboratory progress—protocols, case reviews and training, including presentation by Dr. Bruce Budowle;

- b. Update from April 11, 2016 DNA Mixture Interpretation Subcommittee on Notification meeting;
  - c. Training for lawyers and scientists; and
  - d. Status of case review, including collection of DNA review forms, triage of cases and any expected retesting thus far. (Wicoff/Garcia)
14. Report from 68<sup>th</sup> Annual American Academy of Forensic Science meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada February 22-27. (Di Maio)
  15. Report from Innocence Network Conference in San Antonio April 8-9.
  16. Report from presentation in AZ and Bode West conference. (Garcia)
  17. Report on various recent and upcoming conferences. (Garcia)
  18. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting. (Di Maio)
  19. Schedule and location of future panel and quarterly meetings. (Di Maio)
  20. Hear public comment. (Di Maio)
  21. Adjourn.

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