



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

FSC LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

March 3, 2017 10:00 AM

Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences

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Dallas, Texas 75207

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 adoption of minutes from February 9, 2017 meeting. (Hilbig)
2. Administrative update (update on any outstanding reimbursements or other administrative items from staff). (Garcia/Savage/Adams)
3. Review and discussion of updates to proposed license discipline categories and subcategories chart, components requirements matrix for each forensic discipline and program summary. (Hilbig)
4. Discussion of proposed statistics requirement for examiners applying after January 1, 2019 and potential development of financially accessible, online statistics course for forensic examiners. (Hilbig/Garcia)
5. Review and discussion of proposed draft rules for the Licensing Program for presentation to the Commission at its May 26, 2017 quarterly meeting. (Hilbig)
6. Discussion of proposed general exam requirement, including potential exam developer agreements, topics, structure and administration of the exam and discussion of whether recognized certification body exams may fulfill the general forensic exam requirement. (Hilbig)
7. Review proposed draft list of qualifying Natural Science degrees to fulfill educational component and waiver/exception process for same. (Hilbig)
8. Discussion of disciplinary process for licensees as well as application questions/certification for employment.

9. Discussion of whether federal forensic examiners should be subject to the Texas licensing requirement.
10. Discussion regarding whether and how to consider criminal convictions in license application process.
11. Discussion regarding testing accommodations for persons with disabilities and special application requirements for current military, military veteran and veteran spouses.
12. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors, including discussion of any comments and feedback related to the program summary, proposed program timeline, proposed requirements matrix, and proposed general forensic licensing exam. (Roger Kahn)
13. Discussion of legislative recommendations, revisions and/or clarifications to the statutory licensing requirement and report to legislature for 85th Legislative Session. (Hilbig/Garcia)
14. Discussion of funding necessary to fulfill the licensing mandate including the cost of examinations, Forensic Science Commission application processing fees, continuing education requirements and renewal or re-certification costs. (Hilbig/Garcia)
15. Discussion of the “non-proficiency tested laboratory personnel” proposed exemption and review of definition, including discussion of whether NIBIN techs should have different license requirements than firearms/toolmark examiners. (Hilbig)
16. Consider proposed agenda items for next meeting.
17. Schedule and location of future meetings.
18. Hear public comment.
19. Adjourn.