



## TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

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**FSC LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING AGENDA**  
**August 30, 2021 9:30 AM**

Virtual Meeting via Zoom, Instructions Below

**Due to Governor Greg Abbott's March 13, 2020 proclamation of a state of disaster and July 30, 2021 extended proclamation of a state of disaster affecting all counties in Texas due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Governor's March 16, 2020 suspension of certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the August 30, 2021 meeting of the Texas Forensic Science Commission's Licensing Advisory Committee will be held by virtual and telephonic conference call as authorized under Texas Government Code section 551.125.**

**Members of the public will have access and a means to participate in this meeting, by two-way audio, using the following web login or dial-in instructions:**

Topic: Licensing Advisory Committee - Voluntary Licensure  
Time: Aug 30, 2021 09:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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### **Public Participant Instructions:**

**If you wish to provide public comment during the meeting on a topic being discussed by Commissioners, please type your question or comment in the chat box or virtually raise your hand. The meeting facilitator will mute and unmute participants at the direction of the Chairperson. If you are not able to provide public comment during the meeting and still wish to provide public comment, the Commission will have a public comment period at the end of its agenda to address any remaining questions or comments. You may also fill out and email Kathryn Adams a Public Testimony Form to [info@fsc.texas.gov](mailto:info@fsc.texas.gov) in advance of the meeting to ensure your public comment is addressed. All public comments are limited to 5 minutes with adjustments as necessary. A recording of the meeting will be available after August 30, 2021. To obtain a recording, please contact Kathryn Adams at (512) 936-0770 or email [kathryn.adams@fsc.texas.gov](mailto:kathryn.adams@fsc.texas.gov).**

**During this meeting, the LAC may consider and take action on the following items. The LAC may take breaks as necessary.**

1. Call meeting to order. Roll call for members. (Reat) *(2 min)*
2. Instructions for public participation. (Tomlin) *(2 min)*
3. Review and adoption of minutes from July 15, 2021 meeting. (Reat) *(1 min)*
4. Discuss plans for voluntary licensure program for forensic disciplines not required to be licensed including:
  - a. Forensic Anthropology;
  - b. Crime Scene Reconstruction;
  - c. Crime Scene Investigation;
  - d. Latent Print Examination;
  - e. Digital Evidence;
  - f. Breath specimen testing under Transportation Code, Chapter 725, limited to analysts who perform breath alcohol calibrations; and
  - g. Document Examination. *(10 min)*
5. Discuss whether voluntary licensure program applies only to accredited entities or to all forensic practitioners. *(20 min)*
6. Discuss and recommend order of forensic disciplines eligible for voluntary licensure. *(10 min)*
7. Discuss components and requirements for licensure by forensic discipline, including education requirements, review draft recommendations from the Commission's crime scene reconstruction committee on voluntary licensure. *(45 min)*

8. Exam question-writing training with ACS Ventures for committee members participating in question writing for the second version of the General Forensic Analyst Licensing Exam. *(60 min)*
9. Schedule and location of future meetings, including October 21, 2021 meeting.
10. Hear public comment.
11. Adjourn.