



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

MEETING AGENDA **October 7, 2014 8:30 AM**

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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 August 1, 2014 quarterly meeting; review and adopt minutes from July 31, 2014 complaint screening committee meeting. (Di Maio)
2. Office administrative update (close of FY2014 budget items and FY2015 budget outlook; developments in data management; copier upgrade). (Garcia/Heidenreich)
3. Report on D. Pat Johnson's retirement and promotion of Brady Mills. (Garcia)
4. Discuss and consider recommendations from complaint screening committee concerning pending complaints and laboratory self-disclosures. (Eisenberg)
5. Discussion of Attorney General opinion request regarding confidentiality of pending laboratory self-disclosures under Article 38.01, Section 10 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure. (Garcia)
6. Update on arson case review and implementation of recommendations. (Connealy/Vilbas)
7. Update from hair microscopy panel meeting on September 12, 2014; discussion and deliberation on recommended action items. (Kerrigan/Garcia)
8. Update on Texas Department of Public Safety ("DPS") Houston regional crime laboratory self-disclosure #12-06, including latest re-testing results from DPS. (Kerrigan/Garcia)
9. Discuss and consider adopting El Paso Police Department Crime Laboratory #11-11 language clarification addendum request from Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors ("TACLD"). (Garcia)

10. Update from Houston Forensic Science Center (Toxicology) #14-13 investigative panel. (Alpert, Peerwani)
11. Update from Blazek (SWIFS – Firearms/Tool Marks) #14-08 investigative panel. (Di Maio, Kerrigan, Alpert)
12. Update from IFL (Firearms/Tool Marks) #14-07 investigative panel. (Mozayani, Barnard, Lerma)
13. Update from Bell County (Digital Video Evidence) #14-1 investigative panel. (Barnard, Kessler, Lerma)
14. Update from forensic development committee (Kerrigan/Garcia):
 - a. Progress regarding certification training support at Sam Houston State University including Commission partnership;
 - b. Status of Web-based forensic training program in collaboration with New York Office of Forensic Services;
 - c. Status of scenario-based ethics training program;
 - d. Update from ASCLD/LAB assessor training held August 4-8, 2014 in Austin;
 - e. Update from August 18-19 crime lab manager leadership academy in Houston;
 - f. Update on Foresight support for Texas laboratories;
 - g. Michael Morton Act training request from TACLD; and
 - h. AAFS annual meeting abstracts.
15. Discussion of Texas Association of Crime Lab Director's final position statement on statewide forensic certification/licensure in Texas and legislative request regarding same.
16. Report from State Fire Marshal's Office and Texas Criminal Justice Integrity Unit's August 19, 2014 fire science conference, Withstanding the Heat: Fire Science In and Out of the Courtroom. (Hervey, Connealy, Vilbas)
17. Report from National Commission on Forensic Science August Meeting (Di Maio)
18. Update on NIST/DOJ Organization for Scientific Area Committees (OSAC). (Kerrigan/Garcia)
19. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting. (Di Maio)
20. Schedule and location of future meetings. (Di Maio)
21. Hear public comment. (Di Maio)
22. Adjourn.

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