



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

MEETING AGENDA

April 20, 2018 at 8:30 AM

Office of Court Administration
Tom C. Clark Building
1st Floor Conference Room
205 West 14th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

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 take breaks as necessary.

1. Review and adopt minutes from February 1, 2018 Bloodstain Pattern Analysis Committee meeting and February 2, 2018 Forensic Science Commission Quarterly meeting. (Barnard) *(5 min)*
2. Office administrative update (FY2018 budget status report quarter two; update regarding content management software required for the FSC Licensing Program and implementation of exam and license application functions; update on any outstanding reimbursement requests; update on new website; discussion of strategic measures plan for Legislative Budget Board). (Garcia/Savage/Adams) *(5 min)*
3. Discuss and consider pending complaints and laboratory self-disclosures as well as new complaints and self-disclosures received through January 18, 2018. (Daniel) *(45 min)*

Complaints Received as of April 5, 2018

1. No. 18.12; Montgomery County Sheriff's Office (Bloodstain Pattern Analysis)
2. No. 18.16; DPS – Austin (Toxicology – Urine Drug Test)

Disclosures Received as of April 5, 2018

3. No. 18.11; Fort Worth Police Department (Latent Prints)
4. No. 18.13; Signature Science (Forensic Biology)
5. No. 18.14; DPS – Weslaco (Forensic Biology)
6. No. 18.15; DPS – Waco (Forensic Biology)

4. Discuss status of crime laboratory accreditation program, including accreditation non-conformances received since November 2017 quarterly meeting. Update on attorney general opinion request regarding whether postmortem toxicology is subject to Commission accreditation requirements. Discuss tech reviewer license issue for outside tech reviewers who are not eligible for a license. Update on publication and adoption of bloodstain pattern, shooting trajectory, and crime scene reconstruction exemption. Review proposal for postmortem toxicology and workplace drug testing exemption. (Savage) (20 min)
5. Discuss licensing advisory committee program, including adjudication of public comments and updates from March 19, 2018 Licensing Advisory Committee meeting, update on pilot exam, including any comments on study materials and exam. Address outstanding issue related to the temporary forensic analyst license for Louisiana laboratory. Discuss and review proposed draft of exemption for federal forensic examiners. Review adopted licensing program rules (including final changes resulting from comments). (Hilbig/Garcia/Savage) (60 min)
6. Update from investigative panel regarding #17.04 Gefrides (HFSC; DNA). (Budowle/Daniel/Hughes-Stamm/Koehler) (30 min)
7. Review and adopt final report from investigative panel regarding combined Clark (Blood Spatter/GSR—Houston PD/Harris Co. Institute of Forensic Sciences) #16-40 case and Bryan (Blood Spatter) #16.56 case. (Johnson/Hughes-Stamm/Parsons/Koehler) (15 min)
8. Review and adopt final report from investigative panel regarding Harris Co. Institute of Forensic Sciences (Blood Alcohol—Guale) #16.48. (Drake/Kerrigan/Daniel) (15 min)
9. Update on staff initiatives on crime scene and drug field tests as required by HB-34. (Garcia) (5 min)
10. Review and adopt final report on DPS Garland (Blood Alcohol—Youngkin) #17.28. (Garcia) (15 min)
11. Review and adopt final report from investigative panel regarding order by Judge Herbert B. Dixon in *United States v. Torney*. (Koehler/Sliter/Hughes-Stamm) (30 min)
12. Update on triage projects for DNA mixture review. (Wicoff/Boswell/Strassburger) (10 min)
13. Update on Austin Police Department cases being reviewed by UNTHSC-CHI, AP reagent study and related issues at DPS Capitol Area Laboratory. (Budowle/Hughes-Stamm) (15 min)
14. Discuss progress on project to standardize sexual assault kits. (Downing) (10 min)
15. Update from Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors. (Stout) (10 min)

16. Report from various recent and upcoming conference presentations by staff (Garcia/Koehler)
17. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting. (Barnard)
18. Schedule and location of future panel and quarterly meetings. (Barnard)
19. Hear public comment. (Barnard)
20. Adjourn.

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