



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

FSC LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

December 6, 2019 10:00 AM

Tom C. Clark Building
Texas State Law Library Conference Room
205 West 14th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

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

1. Review and adoption of minutes from October 24, 2019 meeting. (Hilbig)
2. Administrative update, including hiring of new staff attorney, update on number of licenses issued and number of blanket license renewals processed. (Garcia/Savage/Soward)
3. Discuss general forensic analyst licensing exam eligibility for forensic analysts in unaccredited forensic disciplines. (Hilbig)
4. Discuss statistics requirement, including evaluation of NMS statistics course equivalency; review any outstanding statistics course evaluation requests. (Hilbig)
5. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding blanket license applications and blanket license applications approved since the Committee's October 24, 2019 meeting; discuss blanket laboratories licensed for specific types of testing not widely available in Texas; discuss and adopt recommended responses to comments on proposed laboratory blanket license changes; decide whether to recommend blanket licensees complete CFE requirements; review proposed blanket licensee transfer rule permitting blanket-licensed analysts transferring to a laboratory in Texas and seeking full licensure to comply with requirements in place at the time of the analyst's original blanket-license date. (Hilbig)
6. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding continuing forensic education (CFE) requests, including whether CFE should be awarded for poster sessions and time spent on assessments and/or training for ANAB assessors; address whether CFE should be counted during provisional license period; update on options for sponsoring CFE for disciplines that don't have as many available options for CFE (*e.g.*, Materials (Trace)), including contracting with an expert to provide discipline-specific training to licensees. (Hilbig)
7. Discuss and make recommendations on any specific coursework and minimum education requirement transcript review requests, including inquiry on medical technology degree,

update on candidate missing a genetics course required for licensure, and inquiry regarding DPS Document Examination analysts performing physical comparisons of paper now considered to be a Materials (Trace) category of analysis pursuant to ANAB's categorization of the analysis and the Commission's exemption for Document Examination. (Hilbig)

8. Discuss and make recommendations regarding any Waiver Applications for Laboratory Support Personnel. (Hilbig)
9. Discuss and make recommendations regarding any outstanding criminal history results. (Hilbig)
10. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding technical reviewer license applications. (Hilbig)
11. Discuss and evaluate any temporary license application requests. (Hilbig)
12. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding fourth exam requests. (Hilbig)
13. Update on Exam Evaluation Committee progress, including status of exam questions and progress on re-recording evidence handling and root cause analysis exam study videos. (Hilbig)
14. Update from Mandatory Legal and Professional Responsibility Training Development group. (Hines/Hilbig/Bailey)
15. Update on the Commission's recommendation to adopt OSAC Registry standards. (Garcia)
16. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors. (Stout)
17. Schedule and location of future meetings.
18. Hear public comment.
19. Adjourn.