



## TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

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### **MEETING AGENDA**

**July 12, 2013 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 shall have morning breaks and a lunch break:**

1. Review and adopt minutes from 04/05/13 meeting. (Di Maio)
2. Office administrative update (status of budget, laptop update, live-stream of quarterly meetings, open records request). (Garcia, Tomlin)
3. Discuss and consider recommendations from Complaint Screening Committee concerning pending complaints and self-disclosures. (Eisenberg)
4. Update on arson case review and implementation of recommendations. (Blackburn/Connealy)
5. Presentation by Norman Reimer regarding status of FBI hair analysis task force with discussion of American Society of Crime Lab Directors memorandum to laboratories and potential impact of FBI review on states. (Reimer)
6. Department of Public Safety–Houston Self-Disclosure #12-06: update on finalization of investigative report, latest re-test results, and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals decisions affecting cases. (Kerrigan, Garcia)
7. Forensic Development Committee update, including reports from certification and defendant notification roundtables hosted with Texas Criminal Justice Integrity Unit on July 11, upcoming crime lab manager academy in August, Texas Technical Advisory Groups, and research project with UT Arlington. (Kerrigan, Eisenberg, Di Maio, FSC Staff)

8. Update from Kenneth Melson regarding status of federal forensic science reform efforts.
9. Wrap-up discussion regarding 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session, with focus on SB-1238 and its impact on FSC jurisdiction including: (a) financial impact; (b) consideration of Commission investigative, educational and forensic development priorities; and (c) discussion of autopsy exemption. (Di Maio, Garcia)
10. Discussion of updates to policies and procedures to reflect changes from 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative Session. (Garcia/Tomlin)
11. Report on panel discussion at North Carolina Innocence Network seminar. (Garcia)
12. Report on webinar series for West Virginia University Forensic Science Initiative. (Garcia)
13. Report from general counsel discussions with representatives from Massachusetts. (Garcia)
14. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting. (Di Maio)
15. Schedule and location of future meetings. (Di Maio)
16. Hear public comment. (Di Maio)
17. Adjourn.