



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

MEETING AGENDA

November 1, 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 07/12/13 meeting. (Di Maio)
2. Office administrative update (discussion of FY2013 budget plan; information technology update; website; letterhead; review of reimbursement/travel rules). (Garcia/Tomlin)
3. Discuss and consider recommendations from Complaint Screening Committee concerning pending complaints and self-disclosures. (Eisenberg)
4. Discussion of opinion request from District Attorney Ponton and Commission response (Garcia)
5. Update on arson case review and implementation of recommendations. (Chris Connealy, State Fire Marshal/Jeff Blackburn, Innocence Project of Texas)
6. Discussion of FBI microscopic hair analysis review, Commission's notification letter distributed to labs, responses received and possible next steps (Garcia)
7. Texas Department of Public Safety–Houston Self-Disclosure #12-06: latest re-test results, and Texas Court of Criminal Appeals oral argument. (Kerrigan/Garcia)
8. Forensic Development Committee update, including reports distributed from certification and defendant notification roundtables hosted with Texas Criminal Justice

Integrity Unit on July 11, August crime lab manager academy. (Kerrigan/Eisenberg/Di Maio/FSC Staff)

9. Discussion regarding development of training video on *Brady v. Maryland* for forensic scientists in collaboration with Texas Criminal Justice Integrity Unit. (Garcia)
10. Review and adoption of new policies and procedures reflecting changes from 83rd Legislative Session. (Garcia/Tomlin)
11. Report on 9/28/13 panel discussion at Texas Tribune Festival. (Kerrigan)
12. Discussion of AAFS submissions and member and staff attendance at the February 2014 annual conference.
13. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting. (Di Maio)
14. Schedule and location of future meetings. (Di Maio)
15. Hear public comment. (Di Maio)
16. Adjourn.