



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

MEETING AGENDA

January 10, 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 shall have morning breaks and a lunch break:

1. Review and adopt minutes from 10/31/13 and 11/1/13 meetings. (Di Maio)
2. Office administrative update (discussion of FY2014 budget plan; information technology update; website; annual report). (Garcia/Heidenreich)
3. Discuss and consider recommendations from Complaint Screening Committee concerning pending complaints and self-disclosures. (Eisenberg)
4. Update on Attorney General Opinion Request submitted by District Attorney Rod Ponton and Status of Responses. (Garcia)
5. Update on arson case review and implementation of recommendations. (Chris Connealy, State Fire Marshal/Jeff Blackburn, Innocence Project of Texas)
6. Update from the FSC's Hair Microscopy Panel, including November 22, 2013 meeting in Houston and recommended action items. (Kerrigan)
7. Texas Department of Public Safety–Houston Self-Disclosure #12-06: latest re-test results and status of Texas Court of Criminal Appeals opinion in *Ex Parte Coty*. (Kerrigan/Garcia)
8. Forensic Development Committee update, including white papers distributed from certification and defendant notification roundtables hosted with Texas Criminal Justice Integrity Unit on July 11, follow-up action items, update on extending crime lab manager

academy including cost proposal from WVU, discussion of possible collaboration on Web-based training and backlog reduction programs. (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/Heidenreich)
11. Report from Attorney General's December 2013 Open Government Conference. (Garcia/Heidenreich)
12. Report from presentation at TDCAA December 2013 Elected District Attorney conference. (Garcia)
13. Report from January 2014 TACLD meeting. (Garcia)
14. Discussion of AAFS February 2014 annual meeting attendance and presentations. (Di Maio/Kerrigan/Eisenberg)
15. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting. (Di Maio)
16. Schedule and location of future meetings. (Di Maio)
17. Hear public comment. (Di Maio)
18. Adjourn.

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