# Texas Forensic Science Commission Minutes from August 14, 2015 IFL Investigative Panel Meeting in Austin, Texas

The Texas Forensic Science Commission's IFL Investigative Panel met at 7:30 a.m. on Friday, August 14, 2015 at the Omni Southpark Hotel, 4140 Governors Row, Austin, Texas 78744.

Members of the Commission were present as follows:

Panel Members Present: Mozayani, Barnard, Lerma

Panel Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Lynn Garcia, General Counsel

Leigh Tomlin, Commission Coordinator

Kathryn Adams, Paralegal

This is a self-disclosure filed by Integrated Forensic Laboratories, LLC ("IFL"), regarding an analyst who mistakenly excluded a group of fired ammunition and reported the erroneous exclusion to the submitting agency.

## Review and discuss report by John Murdock, expert retained by Commission.

Mr. Murdock gave an introduction and background of the disclosure. He summarized his final report on his investigation. Panel members and representatives from the lab discussed the report and Mr. Murdock's conclusions as to the root cause of the issue.

#### Questions and Answers with Mr. Murdock.

Commission members, laboratory representatives and other stakeholders in the firearms/tool marks forensic discipline engaged in question and answer session with Mr. Murdock, in which Mr. Murdock answered questions regarding his review of the case file and suggested changes to new forms adopted by IFL.

### Discuss recommendations for finalization of report per statute.

Panel members discussed recommending to the full commission the finalization of a TFSC report that will incorporate recommendations from Mr. Murdock as contained in his report.

#### **Public Comment.**

The following members of the public provided comment during the session:

Aliece Watts (IFL) Robin Freeman (IFL) Pat Slocum (IFL) Ron Crumley (Texas DPS)

Adjourn.