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**MEETING AGENDA**

**August 14, 2015**

**9:00 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 may have a morning break, a lunch break, and an afternoon break if necessary:**

1. Review and adopt minutes from April 10, 2015 quarterly meeting and April 10, 2015 hair microscopy panel meeting. (Di Maio)
2. Discuss passage of SB-1287 and new responsibilities for Commission including action plan for implementation of accreditation program, licensure requirement, and amendment requiring establishment of a method for collecting DNA and other forensic evidence related to unidentified bodies located within 120 miles of the Rio Grande River. (Garcia)
3. Update from TACLD regarding licensure Advisory Group selection process and timeline. (Gibbens)
4. Office administrative update (FY2015 budget update and closing; staff planning in light of SB-1287; position re-classifications (Associate General Counsel and Commission Coordinator) as well as proposed staffing/consulting additions for administration of licensure program, assistance with accreditation administration and discipline-based reviews; technology developments; office minor construction). (Garcia/Tomlin)
5. Report on passage of SB-1743 and discussion of referral process per statute (Office of Capital and Forensic Writs). (Garcia)
6. Discuss and consider recommendations from complaint screening committee concerning pending complaints and laboratory self-disclosures and all complaints or self-disclosures received through July 31, 2015. (Eisenberg)
7. Update from Hair Microscopy Panel, including notification recommendations based on June 26, 2015 review team meeting and transcript review at DPS headquarters in Austin; discussion of criteria clarifications and national developments. (Garcia/Vilbas/Roady)
8. Update from Blazek (SWIFS – Firearms/Tool Marks) #14-08 investigative panel including report from expert (John Murdock) and discussion of final report issuance. (Di Maio)
9. Update from IFL (Firearms/Tool Marks) #14-07 investigative panel including report from expert (John Murdock) and discussion of final report issuance. (Mozayani)
10. Update from Bell County (Digital Video Evidence) #14-1 investigative panel including discussion of next steps. (Barnard)
11. Discussion of FBI notification regarding allele frequency amendments and prosecutor requests for assistance in understanding implications. (Garcia/Mills/Roady)
12. Update on arson case review and implementation of recommendations. (Connealy/Vilbas)
13. Update on Texas Department of Public Safety (“DPS”) Houston regional crime laboratory self-disclosure #12-06, including latest re-testing results from DPS. (Garcia)
14. Update from forensic development committee: (Garcia)
	1. Report from root cause analysis training (June in Austin);
	2. Report from cognitive bias training (June in Houston);
	3. Report from hair/fiber training (April and May in Fort Worth);
	4. Report from AFDAA workshop on mixture interpretation (July in Dallas);
	5. Report from TACLD regarding lab training survey needs;
	6. Status of scenario-based ethics training;
	7. Status of *Morton/Brady* training project with TCJIU.
15. Report from National Commission on Forensic Science. (Di Maio)
16. Report from Organization of Scientific Area Committees. (Garcia)
17. Report on various recent and upcoming conferences (June 5 ABA Prescription Conference in New York; July 20-24 NIST Error Symposium in Washington; August 7 TCDLA Innocence Seminar in Austin; August 19-20 CAILAW Innocence Seminar in Plano; August 25-27 NIJ Trace Evidence Symposium in San Antonio; AAFS Annual Meeting Abstract) . (Garcia)
18. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting. (Di Maio)
19. Schedule and location of future meetings. (Di Maio)
20. Hear public comment. (Di Maio)
21. Adjourn.

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