



## TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

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### **MEETING AGENDA**

**July 20, 2018 at 8:30 AM**

Office of Court Administration  
Tom C. Clark Building  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room  
205 West 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Austin, Texas 78701

**During this meeting, the Commission may consider and take action on the following items. The Commission may take breaks as necessary.**

1. Review and adopt minutes from April 20, 2018 Forensic Science Commission Quarterly meeting. (Barnard) (5 min)
2. Office administrative update (FY2018 budget status report quarter three; update regarding content management software required for the FSC Licensing Program and implementation of exam and license application functions; update on electronic binder transition; review final LBB strategic measures and HB-91 documents). (Garcia/ Adams) (5 min)
3. Discuss and consider pending complaints and laboratory self-disclosures as well as new complaints and self-disclosures received through June 29, 2018. (Daniel) (45 min)

#### Disclosures Pending from April 20, 2018 Quarterly Meeting

1. No. 18.11; Fort Worth Police Department (Latent Prints)
2. No. 18.14; DPS – Weslaco (Forensic Biology)

#### Disclosures Received as of June 29, 2018

3. No. 18.20; DPS – Garland (Seized Drugs)
4. No. 18.22; Corpus Christi Police Department (Serial Number Restoration)
5. No. 18.23; Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences (Seized Drugs)
6. No. 18.24; DPS – Austin (Breath Alcohol)
7. No. 18.26; State Fire Marshal's Office (Fire Debris)
8. No. 18.29; NMS Labs (Toxicology)
9. No. 18.30; Sorenson (Forensic Biology)

#### Complaints Received as of June 29, 2018

10. No. 18.21; Culbertson, Amanda (DPS—El Paso, Blood Alcohol)
  11. No. 18.25; Keller, Chance D. (DPS - Waco, Firearms/Tool Marks)
  12. No. 18.27; Holmes, George Ray (DPS – Tyler, Seized Drugs)
4. Discuss status of crime laboratory accreditation program, including:
    - a. Accreditation non-conformances received since April 2018 quarterly meeting;
    - b. Update on publishing of workplace drug testing rule;
    - c. Update on adoption of bloodstain pattern, shooting trajectory, and crime scene reconstruction exemption and discuss accreditation options moving forward;
    - d. Update from teleconference with forensic pathologists regarding postmortem toxicology accreditation and review of proposal for postmortem toxicology exemption for testing ordered by a medical examiner or licensed forensic pathologist;
    - e. Review proposed blanket accreditation exemption for forensic disciplines the Commission has not previously considered. (Garcia) (20 min)
  5. Discuss licensing advisory committee, including:
    - a. Update on results from pilot exam, including review of statistics for deciding the cut-rate or pass/fail rate for the exam;
    - b. Update from exam evaluation committee;
    - c. Consider re-appointment of licensing advisory committee members;
    - d. Review proposal for federal examiner exemption; and
    - e. Update on publication of adopted licensing rules. (Hilbig/Garcia) (45 min)
  6. Review and adopt final report from investigative panel regarding #17.04 Gefrides (HFSC; DNA). (Budowle/ Koehler) (15 min)
  7. Review presentation and develop final report from investigative panel regarding Bryan, Joseph complaint (Blood Spatter/Serology) #16.56. (Johnson /Parsons/Koehler) (30 min)
  8. Update on NMS *Torney* DNA review and letter to ANAB re: same. (Koehler/Garcia) (10 min)
  9. Update on triage projects for DNA mixture review. Discuss possibility of probabilistic genotyping software symposium hosted by Commission and UNTHSC-CHI; update on Austin Police Department cases under review by UNTHSC-CHI; discuss AP Reagent study review completed by DPS. (Budowle/Wicoff/Boswell/Mills) (20 min)
  10. Discuss developments regarding efforts to identify human remains discovered along Texas border. (Budowle) (10 min)
  11. Discuss progress on project to standardize sexual assault kits. (Downing) (5 min)
  12. Update from Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors. (Stout) (10 min)

13. Report from various recent and upcoming conference presentations by staff (Garcia/Koehler) (5 min)
14. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting. (Barnard)
15. Schedule and location of future panel and quarterly meetings. (Barnard)
16. Hear public comment. (Barnard)
17. Adjourn.

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