

TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

FSC LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA January 24, 2018 10:00 AM

Tom C. Clark Building First Floor Conference Room 205 West 14th Street Austin, Texas 78701 (512) 936-0770

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

- 1. Review and adoption of minutes from November 28, 2018 meeting. (Hilbig)
- 2. Administrative update and report on online licenses issued. Discuss progress on changes to application platform. (Savage/Garcia)
- 3. Discussion of proposed statistics requirement for examiners applying after January 1, 2019, including timeline for availability of the online course. Review of any outstanding statistics course evaluation requests. (Hilbig/Garcia)
- 4. Discussion and recommendations regarding Waiver Applications for Laboratory Support Personnel. (Hilbig)
- 5. Discussion and recommendations regarding criminal history results. (Hilbig)
- 6. Discussion and evaluation of any outstanding conduct reports from licensing applications. (Hilbig)
- 7. Discussion and evaluation of outstanding technical reviewer license applications. (Hilbig)
- 8. Discussion and evaluation of outstanding blanket license applications, including discussion of recommended revisions to blanket rule. (Hilbig)
- 9. Discussion and evaluation on any temporary license application requests. (Hilbig)
- 10. Update on Exam Evaluation Committee progress. (Hilbig)
- 11. Discuss requests re: CLIA and PJLA and potential impact on licensing. (Savage/Hilbig)

- 12. Review outstanding draft licensing rules for approval, including:
 - i. Rule expanding pre-Jan 1 exemption to include forensic disciplines later subject to accreditation requirements (*e.g.*, bloodstain pattern analysis);
 - ii. Rule allowing university students to take forensic analyst and/or technician exam and revision to rule for fourth exam requests to require a letter of support from laboratory director;
 - iii. Rule regarding Presiding Officer or Designee authority on criminal history reviews/denials;
 - iv. Rule revision to provide clarification with regard to the applicability of the tech reviewers license;
 - v. Discuss rule regarding provisional license and exam attempts. (Garcia/Savage) (20 minutes)
- 13. Discuss next steps for continuing education program. (Garcia/Hilbig)
- 14. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors. (Stout)
- 15. Schedule and location of future meetings.
- 16. Hear public comment.
- 17. Adjourn.