



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

FSC LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

February 14, 2019 10:00 AM

Stephen F. Austin Building
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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 January 24, 2019 meeting. (Hilbig)
2. Administrative update, including edits to application, website and program forms post-January 1, 2019. Discuss progress on changes to application platform and implementation of continuing forensic education reporting function in TopClass. (Savage)
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. Review of one-page description of required components of an approved statistics course. (Hilbig)
4. Discussion and recommendations regarding Waiver Applications for Laboratory Support Personnel. (Hilbig)
5. Discussion and recommendations regarding criminal history results. (Hilbig)
6. Discussion of any outstanding State Office of Administrative Hearing requests. (Savage)
7. Discussion and evaluation of any outstanding conduct reports from licensing applications. (Hilbig).
8. Discussion and evaluation of outstanding technical reviewer license applications. (Hilbig)
9. Discussion and evaluation of outstanding blanket license applications, including discussion and update from blanket rule task group convened to determine the appropriate level of oversight and application cost for blanket laboratories. (Hilbig)
10. Discussion and evaluation on any temporary license application requests. (Hilbig)

11. Update on Exam Evaluation Committee progress. (Hilbig)
12. Discuss Commission decisions on CLIA certification and PJLA accreditation and potential impact on licensing including review of rule proposal to exempt from accreditation requirements the examination of a human specimen where the primary purpose of collection is the diagnosis, prevention, or treatment of any disease or impairment of, or assessment of health, and the results of such examination are subsequently entered into evidence in an action to revise or revoke the terms of an individual's community supervision or parole. (Savage/Hilbig)
13. Review approved/published licensing rules, 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;
 - 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. Rule regarding provisional license and exam attempts. (Savage) (*20 minutes*)
14. Discuss continuing education program, including published list of approved continuing education programs, rules related to number of discipline-specific training hours required for analysts licensed in multiple disciplines, and roll-over of hours from previous license cycle. (Hilbig)
15. Discuss licensing requirements for crime scene reconstruction, including bloodstain pattern analysis. (Hilbig)
16. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors. (Stout)
17. Schedule and location of future meetings.
18. Hear public comment.
19. Adjourn.