



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

FSC LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

August 15, 2019 9:00 AM

Stephen F. Austin Building

1700 North Congress Avenue, Room 172

Austin, Texas 78701

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 May 2, 2019 meeting. (Hilbig)
2. Administrative update, including number of licenses issued, implementation of continuing forensic education reporting function in TopClass, revisions to website to provide information on statistics requirement and online course through Texas A&M. (Savage/Soward)
3. Discuss statistics requirement, including discussion of the online course by Dr. Spiegelman and update on candidates who have taken the course. Review and update on any outstanding statistics course evaluation requests. (Hilbig)
4. Discuss and make recommendations regarding Waiver Applications for Laboratory Support Personnel. (Hilbig)
5. Discuss and make recommendations regarding any outstanding criminal history results. (Hilbig)
6. Discuss status of the Agreed Order in the Committee's recommended denial of a candidate's license for recent criminal history. (Garcia/Savage)
7. Discuss and evaluate outstanding technical reviewer license applications. (Hilbig)
8. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding blanket license applications, including discussion and update from July 17, 2019 blanket rule task group meeting. (Hilbig)
9. Discuss and evaluate any temporary license application requests. (Hilbig)
10. Discuss and evaluate outstanding fourth exam requests. (Hilbig)
11. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding CFE course approval requests; discuss exploring different options for sponsoring CFE for disciplines that don't have as many available options

for CFE (*e.g.*, Materials (Trace)); discuss revisions to CFE guidance document on equipment training. (Hilbig)

12. Update on Exam Evaluation Committee progress. (Hilbig)

13. Review published licensing rules, including:

- i. Continuing forensic education rule updates, including number of discipline-specific training hours required for multiple disciplines, roll-over of hours from previous license cycle and clarification of credit for “date-delivered”;
- ii. Rule regarding authority to deny for conduct on initial application; and
- iii. Revisions to rules post-January 1 requirements. (Savage)

14. Review outstanding draft licensing rules and proposed rule concepts for approval, including:

- i. Clarifications to Professional Misconduct definition in licensing rules;
- ii. Expansion of exemption for retired examiners and forensic discipline changes;
- iii. Removal of document examination references from licensing rules;
- iv. SB 284 and SB 1342 appeals process changes;
- v. SB 1200 reciprocity for military spouses changes;
- vi. SB 1342 changes to criminal history eligibility pre-determinations;
- vii. SAMHSA correction;
- viii. Discussion of provisional license and potential changes to eligibility; and
- ix. Discussion of CFE for Technicians. (Savage)

15. Update from Mandatory Legal and Ethics Training Development group. (Hines/Ashworth/Hilbig)

16. Review licensing advisory board appointments and terms; update on applications from TACLD for vote at August 16, 2019 quarterly Commission meeting. (Garcia/Savage)

17. Review and update on any specific coursework and minimum education requirement transcript review requests. (Hilbig)

18. Discuss the Crime Scene Working Group’s development of a licensing program for crime scene reconstruction, including bloodstain pattern analysis and corresponding licensing requirements for the discipline. (Hilbig)

19. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors. (Stout)

20. Schedule and location of future meetings.

21. Hear public comment.

22. Adjourn.