

TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

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TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION COMPLAINT SCREENING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA January 28, 2021 at 2:00 PM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom, Instructions Below

Due to Governor Greg Abbott's March 13, 2020 proclamation of a state of disaster and January 5, 2021 extended proclamation of a state of disaster affecting all counties in Texas due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the Governor's March 16, 2020 suspension of certain provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act, the January 28, 2021 meeting of the Texas Forensic Science Commission will be held by virtual and telephonic conference call as authorized under Texas Government Code section 551.125.

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A recording of the meeting will be available after January 29, 2021. To obtain a recording, please contact Kathryn Adams at (512) 936-0770 or email kathryn.adams@fsc.texas.gov.

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

- 1. Call meeting to order. Roll call for committee members. (Daniel) (2 min)
- 2. Instructions for public participation. (Tomlin) (2 min)
- 3. Nominate new member to Complaint Screening Committee to fill vacant seat. (Daniel)
- 4. Discuss and consider pending complaints and laboratory self-disclosures as well as new complaints and self-disclosures received through January 8, 2021. (Daniel) (75 min)

Disclosures Pending from October 23, 2020

1. No. 20.44; NMS Labs Horsham, PA (Forensic Biology/DNA)

Disclosures Received as of January 8, 2021

- 2. No. 20.56; Department of Public Safety Amarillo (Seized Drugs)
- 3. No. 20.57; Department of Public Safety Austin (Firearms/Toolmarks)
- 4. No. 20.58; Bexar County Criminal Investigation Laboratory (Forensic Biology/DNA)
- 5. No. 20.59; Department of Public Safety El Paso (Forensic Biology/DNA)
- 6. No. 20.61; Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office Crime Laboratory (Forensic Biology/DNA)
- 7. No. 20.65; Department of Public Safety Austin (Forensic Biology/DNA)
- 8. No. 20.68; Department of Public Safety Crime Laboratory System (Blood Alcohol)
- 9. No. 20.69; Department of Public Safety Abilene (Seized Drugs)
- 10. No. 20.71; Houston Forensic Science Center (Latent Prints)
- 11. No. 20.72; University of North Texas Health Science Center Center for Human Identification (Forensic Biology/DNA)

Complaints Received as of January 8, 2021

- 12. No. 20.55; Wood, Carrie (Expertox; Hair Follicle Testing)
- 13. No. 20.60; Cantu, Gerard (Armstrong; Seized Drugs)
- 14. No. 20.64; Lumsden, Raymond (University of North Texas Health Science Center; Forensic Biology/DNA)
- 15. No. 20.66; Anonymous (Tarrant County Medical Examiners Office Crime Laboratory; Forensic Biology/DNA, Toxicology)
- 16. No. 20.67; Curry, Jesse (Harris County Institute of Forensic Sciences; Forensic Biology/DNA)
- 5. Hear public comment. (Daniel)
- 6. Adjourn.