



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

Justice Through Science

FSC LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

October 22, 2020 9:00 AM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom, Instructions Below

Due to Governor Greg Abbott's March 13, 2020 proclamation of a state of disaster and September 7, 2020 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 October 23, 2020 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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Adams the attached Public Testimony Form to info@fsc.texas.gov in advance of the meeting to ensure your public comment is addressed. All public comments are limited to 5 minutes with adjustments as necessary. A recording of the meeting will be available after October 22, 2020. To obtain a recording, please contact Kathryn Adams at (512) 936-0770 or email kathryn.adams@fsc.texas.gov.

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

1. Call meeting to order. Roll call for members. (Garcia) *(2 min)*
2. Instructions for public participation. (Savage) *(2 min)*
3. Elect a chairperson and a vice chairperson (Garcia) *(10 min)*
4. Review and adoption of minutes from July 23, 2020 meeting. (Chairperson) *(1 min)*
5. Administrative update, including update on number of licenses issued and number of renewals processed; introduction of new committee members. (Garcia/Savage/Soward) *(5 min)*
6. Review any outstanding statistics course evaluation requests; discuss available statistics course options. *(2 min)*
7. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding continuing forensic education (CFE) requests; discuss and vote on rulemaking for CFE for licensees upgrading a license and not renewing. *(10 min)*
8. Discuss and make recommendations on any specific coursework and minimum education requirement transcript review requests; discuss and vote on rulemaking regarding indefinite grace period for exemption from elevated coursework requirements for licensees with a gap in employment. *(2 min)*
9. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding Laboratory *De Minimis* Texas Casework License applications; discuss and evaluate any Laboratory Uncommon Forensic Analysis License applications; discuss provisions and requirements of each program for laboratories and analysts; discuss and vote on rulemaking removing the laboratory license category “necessary to ensure the availability of timely forensic analyses in counties for which access to forensic analyses is limited.” *(15 min)*
10. Discuss exam evaluation committee and development of new test questions; discuss exam training videos. *(10 min)*
11. Discuss voluntary licensure for unaccredited forensic disciplines, including discussion and vote on the crime scene working group’s proposed components for voluntary licensure. *(20 min)*

12. Discuss and make recommendations regarding any Waiver Applications for Laboratory Support Personnel.
13. Discuss and make recommendations regarding any outstanding criminal history results.
14. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding technical reviewer license applications.
15. Discuss and evaluate any temporary license application requests.
16. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding fourth exam requests.
17. Update on launch of Mandatory Legal and Professional Responsibility Training.
(Garcia/Smith) (2 min)
18. Update and discussion of new OSAC Registry standards, including the development of collaborative work groups to discuss new standards. (Garcia) (5 min)
19. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors. (Stout)
20. Schedule and location of future meetings.
21. Hear public comment.
22. Adjourn.