



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA

October 7, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences
2355 North Stemmons Freeway
Dallas, Texas 75208

During this meeting, the Commission may consider and take action on the following items. The Commission may take breaks as necessary. The timing of agenda items provided below are estimates.

1. Call meeting to order. Roll call for members.
2. Moment of silence in memory of former Forensic Science Commission Chair Dr. Vincent Di Maio. (Barnard)
3. Announcement of Dr. Budowle's retirement due to residence requirement. (Barnard) (2 min)
4. Review and adopt minutes from July 22, 2022 Forensic Science Commission Quarterly meeting. (Barnard) (3 min)
5. Office administrative update (FY2023 first quarter budget status report; updates from conferences and trainings by staff, including September 1-2, 2022 Administrative Law Conference attended by staff; launch of staff accreditation and licensing functions with Office of Court Administration IT). (Garcia/Tomlin) (5 min)
6. Discuss and consider pending complaints and laboratory self-disclosures as well as new complaints and self-disclosures received through September 16, 2022. (Daniel) (30 min)

Disclosures Received as of September 16, 2022

1. No. 22.35; Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office (Seized Drugs)
2. No. 22.39; Bode Technology (Forensic Biology/DNA)
3. No. 22.41; NMS Labs (Seized Drugs)

Complaints Received as of September 16, 2022

4. No. 22.37; Johnson, Otis (Southwestern Institute of Forensic Sciences; Firearms/Toolmarks)
5. No. 22.38; Comley, Derek (Armstrong Forensic Laboratory; Seized Drugs)
6. No. 22.40; Nix, Meda (Texas Department of Public Safety – Austin; Breath Alcohol)



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7. Discuss status of crime laboratory accreditation program, including accreditation activities, communications and reports received since July 22, 2022 quarterly meeting; discuss progress on incorporation of TFSC recommendations in ANAB assessment checklist and feedback from TAFQAM; status update on removal of recognition of CAP and SAMHSA. (Garcia/Tomlin) *(15 min)*
8. Discuss licensing advisory committee update, including:
 - a. licenses issued and renewed;
 - b. voluntary licensure; and
 - c. launch of General Forensic Analyst Licensing Exam II. (Garcia/Tomlin) *(30 min)*
9. Update from investigative panel for self-disclosure #22.17 Fort Worth Police Department Crime Laboratory (Proficiency Testing; Reaccreditation Assessment by ANAB). (Buzzini/Coble/Drake) *(20 min)*
10. Discuss and approve final report from investigative panel for self-disclosure #22.18 Houston Forensic Science Center (Forensic Biology/DNA). (Downing/Parsons) *(10 min)*
11. Update regarding Expertox #20.55 final investigative report and appeal. (Kerrigan/Downing/Parsons/Daniel) *(5 min)*
12. Update regarding complaint #21.27 University of Colorado, National Innocence Project on behalf of Nanon Williams (Houston PD/Houston Forensic Science Center; Firearms/Toolmarks). (Buzzini/Daniel) *(10 min)*
13. Update from investigative panel for self-disclosure #21.72 Brazoria County Crime Laboratory (Toxicology). (Drake/Kerrigan/Daniel) *(10 min)*
14. Update from investigative panel for complaint #22.16 Webster, Joseph (Ron Smith & Associates; Latent Prints). (Buzzini/Coble/Daniel) *(10 min)*
15. Discuss current forensic development training and education projects, including DNA Training for lawyers in collaboration with Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Barbara Hervey; update on meeting with DNA labs regarding evaluation of profiles for exclusionary purposes that are deemed otherwise uninterpretable; discuss development of training regarding Commission reports released; update on OSAC implementation initiative under NIST grant to American Academy of Forensic Science; potential for sponsoring lab directors attendance at National Forensic Leadership Academy. (Garcia/Kerrigan) *(10 min)*
16. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors (Stout) *(5 min)*



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17. Consider proposed agenda items for next quarterly meeting. (Barnard)
18. Schedule and location of future panel and quarterly meetings, including January 27, 2023 and April 14 *or* 21, 2023 quarterly meetings. (Barnard)
19. Hear public comment. (Barnard)
20. Adjourn. (Barnard).

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