



TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA

July 20, 2023, 10:00 AM

Tom C. Clark Building
1st Floor Conference Room
205 West 14th Street
Austin, Texas 78701

During this meeting, the Licensing Advisory Committee of the Texas Forensic Science Commission (“Committee”) may consider and possibly act on the following items. The Committee may take breaks as necessary. The Committee may meet in closed session on any item listed below, as authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

1. Call meeting to order. Roll call for members. Excuse any absent committee members.
2. Review and adoption of minutes from April 13, 2023 meeting.
3. Administrative update, including update on number of licenses issued and number of renewals processed, update on database project with Office Court Administration. (Garcia/Tomlin/Soward)
4. Review any outstanding coursework evaluations; discuss issue related to baccalaureate degrees in Anthropology and what components an Anthropology program should have to meet the minimum education requirements.
5. Discuss progress on the development of the Texas Forensic Science Commission’s voluntary licensure program for unaccredited forensic disciplines, including status of latent print and digital/multimedia analyst voluntary licensing programs, review recommendation for specific standards required for employing laboratories of voluntary license applicants, and reconvening statewide working group on voluntary licensing for crime scene investigation and crime scene reconstruction disciplines before October 2023 meeting.
6. Review and possible approval of recommendation to change license expiration dates to licensee birthdates rather than each even-number year in the Fall to ease the burden of most licenses expiring at the same time.
7. Update regarding 88th Legislative Session passage of SB-991 and HB-3474.
8. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors.
9. Schedule and location of future Committee quarterly meetings October 19, 2023 and January 2024 quarterly meetings.

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10. Hear public comment.

11. Adjourn.

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