

TEXAS FORENSIC SCIENCE COMMISSION

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FSC LICENSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA July 23, 2020 9:00 AM

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Licensing Advisory Committee Meeting

Thu, Jul 23, 2020 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CDT)

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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. (Hilbig) (2 min)
- 2. Instructions for public participation (Savage) (2 min)
- 3. Review and adoption of minutes from January 30, 2020 meeting. (Hilbig) (1 min)
- 4. Administrative update, including update on number of licenses issued and expected to be renewed before December 31, 2020; discussion of committee member nominations, appointments and expiration dates. (Garcia/Savage/Soward) (5 min)
- 5. Review any outstanding statistics course evaluation requests. (Hilbig) (2 min)
- 6. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding continuing forensic education (CFE) requests; discuss approval process for software and other instrument trainings. (Hilbig) (10 min)
- 7. Discuss and make recommendations on any specific coursework and minimum education requirement transcript review requests. (Hilbig) (2 min)
- 8. Review outstanding licensing rules and proposed rule concepts for approval, including rule addressing continuing forensic education requirements for analysts adding a discipline during the current license cycle. (Savage) (10 min)
- 9. Discuss exam evaluation committee and development of new test questions; discuss exam training videos. (Hilbig) (10 min)
- 10. Discuss voluntary licensure for unaccredited forensic disciplines. (Hilbig) (15 min)
- 11. Discuss and make recommendations regarding any Waiver Applications for Laboratory Support Personnel. (Hilbig)
- 12. Discuss and make recommendations regarding any outstanding criminal history results. (Hilbig)

- 13. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding technical reviewer license applications. (Hilbig)
- 14. Discuss and evaluate any temporary license application requests. (Hilbig)
- 15. Discuss and evaluate any outstanding fourth exam requests. (Hilbig)
- 16. Update from Mandatory Legal and Professional Responsibility Training Development group. (Garcia/Smith) (2 min)
- 17. Update and discussion of new OSAC Registry standards, including the development of collaborative work groups to discuss new standards. (Garcia) (5 min)
- 18. Update from the Texas Association of Crime Laboratory Directors. (Stout)
- 19. Schedule and location of future meetings.
- 20. Hear public comment.
- 21. Adjourn.