

Illinois Forensic Science Commission

Meeting Minutes

28 March 2022

I. **Call to order**

Chairperson, Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly, called to order the first meeting of the Illinois Forensic Science Commission at 10:00 a.m., on March 28, 2022, at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Carle R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology, located at 1206 West Gregory, Room 1619, Urbana, Illinois.

II. **Roll-call**

The following people were present:

1. Brendan Kelly, chairperson/member
2. Dan Wright, member
3. Jeanne Richeal, member
4. Caryn Tucker, member
5. Jillian Baker, member
6. Dr. Cris Hughes-Crookshanks, member
7. Carrie Ward, member
8. John Hanlon, member
9. Jeff Buford, member
10. Phillip Kinsey, member
11. Claire Dragovich, member
12. Robin Woolery, Illinois State Police Director Designee, Illinois State Police Division of Forensic Services
13. Samuel Del Rio, liaison, Illinois State Police Division of Forensic Services

III. **Formation of Subcommittees**

An open discussion was had regarding the formation of subcommittees. A unanimous agreement was had by all members for the creation of the following subcommittees, to be staffed and formally voted on at a future date:

1. Quality Systems/Significant non-conformities – members discussed submitting a report to the legislature 60 days after the fiscal year
2. Training and Career Development
3. Procurement
4. Public Policy

5. Technology

IV. **Issues for Discussion**

1. Use of Victims' DNA Standards

An open discussion was had regarding the San Francisco Police Department practice of using victim DNA for implications in other crimes. It was noted that the Illinois State Police, the Northeastern Illinois Regional Crime Laboratory, and the DuPage County Forensic Science Center do not engage in this practice, nor does the Federal Bureau of Investigations input victim DNA profiles in the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). The members unanimously agreed that the Commission will present an opinion on the issue.

2. Cannabis Per Se Intoxication

An open discussion was had regarding statutory limits to THC concentrations in the context of driving under the influence legislation. Members identified the issue as whether there is a useful or fair standard for maximum allowable concentrations in blood or other bodily substances. The members agreed to send this issue to the Public Policy subcommittee.

3. Post Graduate Certification in Forensics Law for Judges, Prosecutors, Public Defenders and Law Enforcement

The members discussed creating an intergovernmental agreement with the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign to provide a post-graduate certification in forensics law. Issues to be determined include applicant review and minimum required course hours.

V. **Training Information**

Chairperson Kelly discussed the members' required training (Open Meetings Act, Ethics, and Harassment and Discrimination).

An open discussion was had on how to provide educational, research, and professional training opportunities. Members agreed that this will be referred to the Training subcommittee.

VI. **Meeting Schedule**

The members agreed the Commission is to meet quarterly at a minimum and subcommittees are to meet in the inter-commission period. Members agreed to schedule the next meeting for the end of June 2022.

VII. **Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Kelly adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m. on March 28, 2022.