

Illinois Forensic Science Commission
Technology Subcommittee
Open Meeting-Via Web Ex
Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 11:00 a.m.
Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 11:03 a.m. by Jeffrey Buford

- II. Roll-call
 - a. Jeffrey Buford, Commission Member, Subcommittee Chairperson
 - b. Cris Hughes, Commission Member
 - c. Jeanne Richeal, Commission Member
 - d. Caryn Tucker, Commission Member
 - e. Adrienne Bickel, Illinois State Police, Trace
 - f. Casey Craven, Illinois State Police, Toxicology
 - g. Jamie Edwards, Illinois State Police, Latent Prints
 - h. Kevin Gillespie, Illinois State Police, Trace
 - i. Mary Margaret Greer-Ritzheimer, DuPage Forensic Science Center, DNA Supervisor/Technical Leader
 - j. Gina Havlik, NIRCL, Toxicology & Drug Chemistry
 - k. Megan Neff, Illinois State Police, DNA
 - l. Cassandra Richards, Illinois State Police, Criminalistic Section Chief
 - m. Bryan Tomac, Illinois State Police, Firearms
 - n. Amy Watroba, Executive Director Illinois Forensic Science Commission

- III. Approval of Notes from January 17, 2024, Technology Subcommittee Meeting
 - a. Motion to Approve by Caryn Tucker, seconded by Adrienne Bickel

- V. Chairperson Report
 - a. Chairperson Buford introduced Amy Watroba, who assumed the role of Executive Director of the Forensic Science Commission since the last subcommittee meeting.
 - b. Chairperson Buford provided a summary of the report he presented to the Forensic Science Commission at the full Commission meeting on March 18, 2024, which included an update on the status of the subcommittee's progress in Phase II-Emerging Technology. Mr. Buford indicated that a summary report of Phase II will be compiled after today's Biology/DNA presentation and will be presented to the full Commission at its next meeting in June.
 - c. Chairperson Buford indicated that upon completion of Phase II, a survey will be conducted regarding what topics the subcommittee would like to next address. Mr. Buford suggested that an examination of the LIMS Systems used by agencies might be one topic for future discussion.

- V. Sharing Resources

- a. Presentation- Biology/DNA: Megan Neff (ISP Forensic Scientist III) and Jeanne Richeal (ISP DNA Technical Leader) gave a presentation regarding emerging technologies in Biology/DNA and, based on consultation with scientists at NIRCL and DuPage County Forensic Science Center, identified future needs for each individual laboratory system.

VI. Public Comments

- a. No comments

VII. Next Meeting/ Adjournment

- a. A date for the next subcommittee meeting was not selected at this time due to pending scheduling issues. Chairperson Buford indicated that he would send an email to the subcommittee when a meeting date is scheduled.
- b. Motion to adjourn by Caryn Tucker. Seconded by Jeanne Richeal. Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m. by Chairperson Buford.