

# Illinois Forensic Science Commission

## Meeting Minutes

27 June 2022

### I. **Call to order**

Chairperson, Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly, called to order the meeting of the Illinois Forensic Science Commission at 10:05 a.m., on June 27, 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, chair/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. **Review/Adoption of the Minutes of March 27, 2022**

Verbiage to section IV (1) was added to include the DuPage County Forensic Science Center.

Andrew Holmes, John Weisovich and Sara Toney were removed from the roll-call, as they have not been certified.

The vote to approve the Meeting Minutes of 03/28/2022 was unanimously approved.

#### IV. **Review and Adoption of By-Laws**

The term “Chairman” and “Chairperson” is to be replaced by the term “Chair”. Chair Brendan Kelly suggested to rotate the Chair position on an annual basis.

The vote to approve the By-Laws was unanimously approved.

#### V. **Housekeeping Items**

- A. The Forensic Science Commission webpage shall be maintained at:  
<https://www.isp.illinois.gov/Forensics/ForensicScienceCommission>.

Information regarding news, meeting announcements, and meeting minutes shall be available at that web address.

- B. Adoption of Travel Guidelines

Per 20 ILCS 2605/2605-615: “Members of the Commission shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties from funds appropriated for that purpose.”

Commission members were provided documentation and instruction for reimbursement of travel expenses.

- C. Schedule of Remaining 2022 Meetings

The vote to approve the following meeting dates was unanimously approved:

1. Monday, September 26, 2022
2. Monday, December 19, 2022

#### VI. **Adoption and Staffing of Subcommittees**

Per 20 ILCS 2605/2605-615: “Subcommittees shall include members of the Commission, and may also include non-members such as forensic science stakeholders and subject matter experts.”

Each subcommittee will report the participation of Commission non-members.

The following subcommittees have been formed; Commission members participating in each follow:

1. Quality System
  - a. Claire Dragovich

- b. Phillip Kinsey
- c. Jeff Buford
- 2. Training/Career Development
  - a. Chair Brendan Kelly
  - b. Caryn Tucker
  - c. Jillian Baker
  - d. Dr. Cris Hughes-Crookshanks
  - e. Jeff Buford
  - f. Phillip Kinsey
  - g. Jeanne Richeal
- 3. Procurement/Hiring
  - a. Chair Brendan Kelly
- 4. Public Policy
  - a. John Hanlon
  - b. Carrie Ward
  - c. Dr. Cris Hughes-Crookshanks
  - d. Claire Dragovich
  - e. Jillian Baker
- 5. Technology
  - a. Jeanne Richeal
  - b. Caryn Tucker
  - c. Jeff Buford
  - d. Dr. Cris Hughes-Crookshanks
  - e. Jillian Baker

## VII. Issues for Discussion

### 1. Use of Victims' DNA Standards

Regarding the practice of using victim DNA for implications in other crimes, the members unanimously agreed that the Commission will present a written opinion on the issue, which will denounce the practice and seek to provide a clear line of demarcation when pursuing justice and upholding trust afforded to law enforcement.

### 2. Cannabis Per Se Intoxication

The members agreed to send this issue to the Public Policy subcommittee and to work in conjunction with the Cannabis DUI Task Force. It was recognized that there may not be a scientific recommendation to make.

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

The Illinois State Police will continue to meet with the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and will present information to the Training/Career Development subcommittee.

VIII. **Public Comment**

There were no comments from the public.

IX. **Meeting Schedule**

Members agreed to schedule the next meeting on September 26, 2022. Members also agreed that each subcommittee will meet prior to the next Commission meeting.

X. **Adjournment**

Chairperson Kelly adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m. on June 27, 2022.