

**Illinois Forensic Science Commission
Technology Subcommittee
Open Meeting-Via Web Ex
Wednesday, January 21, 2025, 11:00 a.m.**

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order
 1. 11:00 a.m. by Subcommittee Chairperson Mr. Buford.

- II. Roll-call
 1. Jeffrey Buford, Commission Member, Subcommittee Chairperson
 2. Jillian Baker, Commission Member, Subcommittee Member
 3. Claire Dragovich, Commission Member*
 4. Jeanne Richeal, Commission Member, Subcommittee Member
 5. Caryn Tucker, Commission Member, Subcommittee Member
 6. Amy Watroba, Executive Director-Illinois Forensic Science Commission
 7. Adrienne Bickel, ISP
 8. Jamie Edwards, ISP
 9. Jason George, ISP
 10. Kevin Gillespie, ISP
 11. Gina Havlik, NIRCL
 12. Daniel Pruitt, ISP
 13. Cassandra Richards, ISP*
 14. Timothy Ruppel, Kane County
 15. Larry Shelton, ISP
 16. Lindsay Simpson, NIRCL

(*denotes individual who joined meeting after roll-call)

- III. Review of Minutes/Adoption
 1. The minutes from the October 29, 2025, subcommittee meeting were approved.

- IV. Chairperson Report
 1. Mr. Buford provided a brief summary of the information he provided about the subcommittee's work to the Commission at the Commission's December meeting. Mr. Buford also provided follow-up information related to the subcommittee's prior work related to AI applications in forensic science. Specifically, Mr. Buford shared the position statement issued by the American Society of Crime Lab Directors (ASCLD) on the use of AI in forensic science. The subcommittee discussed the fact that the conclusions in the ASCLD statement are consistent with the subcommittee's independent conclusions about possible applications of AI in forensic science, demonstrating that the subcommittee's discussions and work were effective. Ms. Baker suggested that the Commission add the ASCLD statement to the Resources tab of the Commission webpage. Ms. Watroba suggested that the Commission include a statement

indicating that the Commission agrees with the ASCLD position statement as part of the posting of the ASCLD statement as a forward-facing resource document.

V. Discussion

1. Update on ISP Toxicology Section's implementation of new technology
 - a. Larry Shelton from ISP provided a presentation updating the subcommittee on ISP's implementation of toxicology analysis with QTOF instruments, which was previously discussed during the subcommittee's Phase II work on emerging technologies.
2. Discussion on suggested guest speakers for 2026 subcommittee meetings
 - a. Mr. Buford is working on securing a speaker related to the topic of the use of Quality Assurance databases by forensic laboratories. Ms. Watroba and Ms. Richeal are attending the annual AAFS Conference and can report back to the subcommittee on topics relevant to the subcommittee's work at the next meeting.

VI. Public Comment

1. No public comment offered.

VII. Next Meeting/ Adjournment

1. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 11 a.m.
2. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:57 a.m.