

Illinois Forensic Science Commission
Training and Career Development Subcommittee
Open Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026, at 11 a.m.

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 11:01 a.m. by Caryn Tucker.

II. Roll Call

The following individuals were present at the meeting:

1. Jillian Baker, Commission member, subcommittee member
2. Judge Art Hill, Commission member, subcommittee member
3. Jeanne Richeal, Commission member, subcommittee member
4. Caryn Tucker, FS Commission member, subcommittee chairperson
5. Amy Watroba, Executive Director-FS Commission
6. Adrienne Bickel
7. Sheila Daugherty
8. James DeFrancesco
9. Bill Demuth
10. Karen Duquette
11. Gail Gutierrez
12. Gina Havlik
13. Gary Lind
14. Anastasia Petruncio
15. Larry Shelton
16. Tom Spudich
17. "David Smith" ** (11:01-11:06)
18. "Charles Smith" * ** (11:15-11:18)

*denotes participant that joined meeting after roll call

** denotes name on screen of participant that did not confirm identity

III. Review/Adoption of Minutes

A. The minutes from the February 23, 2026 meeting were approved.

B. The minutes from the March 30, 2026 meeting were approved.

IV. Old Business

A. Update and discussion on videos for Fundamentals of Forensic Science Video Project.

- a. Ms. Tucker explained that the DOJ deadline for implementing the new ADA accessibility standards was postponed from April of 2026 to April of 2027. As such, the remaining videos can be finalized. When any of the original

videos are updated in the future the revised videos will need to comply with the new ADA requirements.

- b. Ms. Watroba provided an update on the number of views for the posted videos. Since the last subcommittee meeting, the number of views for the Latent Print video increased from 181 to 214 views. Since the last subcommittee meeting the number of views for the Drug Chemistry video increased from 154 to 201 views. Since the last subcommittee meeting, the number of views for the Firearms video increased from 62 to 160 views.
- c. Ms. Watroba shared that she continues to work on establishing a Linked In account for the Commission. She hopes to establish the Linked In account with the Commission's legacy email address for succession planning purposes. She hopes to establish the account this summer. She also shared that she spoke at a high school forensic science class this month and she shared information about the videos with the class. The students and teacher expressed interest in the video series.
- d. Mr. Shelton provided an update on the toxicology video, which is still in progress. They may utilize summer interns to create a few more images for the video. They hope to have a video ready for review in June. Ms. Richeal provided an update on the DNA video, which also is nearing completion. They hope to have a video ready for review in June. Ms. Bickel provided an update on the Trace video, which is still in progress. They hope to have a video ready for review in June or July. Ms. Watroba indicated that completion of videos in June or July would allow time for review and edits and completion of videos for review by the Commission at its September quarterly meeting. Ms. Watroba indicated that videos would need to be submitted to the Commission Members by early September to provide time for review of the videos prior to the September Commission meeting.
- e. Ms. Tucker explained that three people have volunteered to assist with the Ethics video project (Ms. Tucker, Ms. Baker, and Ms. Petruncio). Ms. Havlik volunteered to assist with the project as well. These individuals will meet to discuss the start of the project. The subcommittee discussed possible sources of information to assist with the Ethics video and will begin by reviewing the Commission's recommendation document on the subject of ethics and will start to formulate content based on that published document. Ms. Watroba will reach out to other Commissions to inquire about any available resources related to ethics and will assist with research for other resources.
- f. *At approximately 11:17 a.m., meeting participant "Charles Smith" shared video content via their participant window. Ms. Watroba unsuccessfully attempted to block the content and terminated the Web Ex call at 11:18. The*

Web Ex call resumed at 11:21 a.m. with the following participants present: Jillian Baker, Adrienne Bickel, Sheila Daugherty, Bill Demuth, Karen Duquette, Gail Gutierrez, Judge Art Hill, Anastasia Petruncio, Jeanne Richeal, Larry Shelton, Tom Spudich, Caryn Tucker, and Amy Watroba. Ms. Watroba indicated that she would report the incident to ISP and ISP IT.

- g. The subcommittee resumed discussion of possible formats for the Ethics project.

V. New Business

- A. Ms. Watroba provided an update on the Forensics and Law certificate project, which was previously discussed by the Commission and subcommittee. ISP is working with other organizations to develop curriculum and a plan for this initiative and has indicated that they would like to utilize the Fundamentals of Forensic Science Video Series as part of the project. It would be nice if the Commission could complete its work on the series in 2026 so all the videos are available for the project.
- B. Ms. Watroba suggested that subcommittee members submit ideas for topics or speakers for a possible speaker series, as discussed at previous subcommittee meetings. Ms. Watroba can begin work on a plan for that project while the subcommittee completes work on the video series and ethics video.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment offered.

VII. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 11 a.m. on Web Ex. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:29 a.m.