

Illinois Forensic Science Commission

Public Policy Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2026, 1 p.m. meeting

- I. Call to order
Ms. Watroba called the meeting to order at approximately 1 p.m. The meeting was held via Web Ex.
- II. Roll call
The following individuals were present:
 1. Dr. Ponni Arunkumar, FS Commission Member, subcommittee member
 2. Jeanne Richeal, FS Commission Member
 3. Carrie Ward, FS Commission Member, subcommittee member
 4. Amy Watroba, Executive Director-Forensic Science Commission

- III. Review/Approval of Minutes
 1. The meeting minutes from 4/17/26 meeting were approved.

- IV. Discussion:
 1. CODIS Modernization Act/DNA Databases.

Ms. Richeal provided information about the prevalence of DNA associations at the state level versus the national level. Ms. Watroba shared that there has been no indication of movement on the CODIS Modernization Act since March. The Act was brought up briefly at the last Texas Forensic Science Commission quarterly meeting where it was suggested that law enforcement agencies and labs in Texas would meet to discuss concerns with the bill.

Ms. Ward shared information about pending legislation ICASA is supporting.

- V. Old Business
None.
- VI. New Business
None.
- VII. Public Comment
No public comment offered.

VIII. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next meeting will be scheduled via Doodle Poll. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m.