

Illinois Forensic Science Commission  
Training and Career Development Subcommittee  
Open Meeting  
Monday, June 22, 2026, at 11 a.m.

I. Call to Order

A. Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Caryn Tucker.

II. Roll Call

The following individuals were present at the meeting:

1. Jillian Baker, FS Commission member, subcommittee member
2. Jeffrey Buford, FS Commission member, subcommittee member\*
3. Jodi Hoos, FS Commission member, subcommittee member\*
4. Caryn Tucker, FS Commission member, subcommittee chairperson
5. Amy Watroba, Executive Director-FS Commission
6. Adrienne Bickel
7. James DeFrancesco
8. Bill Demuth
9. Karen Duquette\*
10. Kevin Gillespie
11. Gail Gutierrez
12. Gina Havlik
13. Gary Lind
14. Anastasia Petruncio
15. Lisa Ramos
16. Tom Spudich

\*denotes individual who joined meeting after roll call

III. Review/Adoption of Minutes

A. The minutes from the May 18, 2026 meeting were approved during the Old Business discussion portion of the meeting.

IV. Old Business

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

- a. A proof-of-concept draft of the DNA video has been uploaded to the shared folder. It is about 20 minutes long. The DNA video is on track for possible review by the Commission for its September quarterly meeting. The toxicology video is still in development and is striving for a September completion date. Trace Evidence has identified which topics it will address in the video and is in progress.

- 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 214 to 244 views. Since the last subcommittee meeting the number of views for the Drug Chemistry video increased from 201 to 230 views. Since the last subcommittee meeting, the number of views for the Firearms video increased from 160 to 211 views.

B. Update and discussion on Ethics Video Project

- a. Ms. Tucker, Ms. Havlik, Ms. Petruncio, and Ms. Baker volunteered to work on the Ethics project. They plan to meet and provide an update on the next meeting.

C. Update and discussion on panel discussions/speaker series project

- a. Ms. Watroba inquired about whether the subcommittee would be interested in speakers on the topic of wellness for forensic scientists. The subcommittee responded favorably to the idea and Ms. Watroba indicated she will reach out to possible speakers. While the subcommittee may not take any action related to the topic of wellness, the subcommittee could serve as a resource on the topic.

V. New Business

- A. Ms. Havlik mentioned how labs frequently are asked to give presentations for high schools, colleges, and different groups (such as ASAs). Ms. Havlik suggested that the subcommittee or Commission consider whether it could facilitate group training or regional training for different groups in the future. Discussion ensued about past and current training offered by different groups. Mr. Spudich discussed the SIUE crime scene to court camp for high school students and how such programs also have recruitment value.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment offered.

VII. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 11 a.m. on Web Ex. An additional meeting was scheduled for Monday, August 17, 2026, at 11 a.m. on Web Ex. Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:26 a.m.