



Commission on Forensic Science

December 13, 2019

***Governor's Press Room
633 3rd Ave
New York, NY***

9:14 AM – 11:00 AM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Commission Members in Attendance:

Michael Green, Esq., Chair
Pasquale Buffolino, Ph.D
Lydia de Castro
Jill Dooley, Ph.D.
David Loftis, Esq.
Hon. Angela Mazzarelli
Scott O'Neill, Ph.D.
Benjamin Ostrer, Esq.
Anne Walsh, Ph.D., M.D.
Ann Willey, Ph.D., J.D.

DCJS Staff in Attendance:

Gregory Anastasio
Natasha Harvin-Locklear, Esq.
Janine Kava
Brett Knowles, Esq.
Shelley Palmer
Elizabeth Suparmanto
Jackalynne Vimislik

Other Attendees:

Jennifer Alois – NYS DCJS Latent Print Laboratory
Sarah Chu – The Innocence Project
Charles Clock – NYS DCJS Latent Print Laboratory
Constance Dinkel – Suffolk County Crime Laboratory
Karen Dooling – Nassau County Office of the Medical Examiner, Division of Forensic Services
Russell Gettig – NYSP Crime Laboratory
Mark Gil – Nassau County Office of the Medical Examiner, Division of Forensic Services

Jessica Goldthwaite – Legal Aid Society
 Janet Hoin – NYS DCJS Latent Print Laboratory
 Maksudul Kahn – NYS ITS
 Christopher Kamnik – New York County District Attorney’s Office
 Jennifer Lady – New York City Police Department Police Laboratory
 Thomas Leach – NYSP Crime Laboratory
 Colleen Lockhart – Yonkers Police Department Forensic Science Laboratory
 Ryan O’Malley – NYSP
 Eric Rosenbaum – Queens County District Attorney’s Office
 Meredith Rosenberg – New York City OCME Department of Forensic Biology
 Terri Rosenblatt – Legal Aid Society
 Pamela Sale - ANAB
 Raymond Valerio – Bronx District Attorney’s Office
 Ray Wickenheiser – NYSP Crime Laboratory

Chairman Green opened the meeting with an announcement regarding updates to the memberships of the Commission and its DNA Subcommittee. The Commission welcomed two new members: Dr. Jill Dooley, Director of the Office of Forensic Services and Superintendent Keith Corlett of the New York State Police. It was noted that Mr. Corlett was unable to attend. The Chair then informed the Commission, that at the November 8, 2019 meeting of the DNA Subcommittee, Dr. Dwight Adams stepped down as Chair. Dr. Bruce Weir, of the University of Washington, has been appointed the next Chair of the DNA Subcommittee. Additionally, Dr. Jenifer Smith, Director of the District of Columbia Department of Forensic Sciences, has also been appointed to the Subcommittee.

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The Commission then returned to regular business, with a quorum present. The Chair requested a motion to approve the December 13, 2019 agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Hon. Mazzarelli, seconded by Mr. Loftis, and approved unanimously.

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The Chair then requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 Commission meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dr. Willey, seconded by Dr. O’Neill, and approved unanimously.

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Laboratory accreditation items and updates were then considered for the Monroe County Crime Laboratory, New York City OCME Forensic Biology Laboratory, Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, Yonkers Police Department Forensic Science Laboratory, and the Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences Laboratory. Representatives from the laboratories were present or available via phone to respond to members’ questions.

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The Chair then moved to Old Business. Dr. Dooley provided Commission members with a verbal update on familial searching. Next, Dr. Walsh provided an update to members regarding investigative genetic genealogy.

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Under New Business, Chairman Green informed members that the NYPD Latent Print Section successfully obtained ANAB ISO 17020:2012 accreditation. This was for informational purposes only as latent print sections in police agencies are currently exempted by statute from the Commission's regulatory authority.

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The Chair then moved to Laboratory Disclosures, and the Commission reviewed laboratory disclosures from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Latent Print Laboratory, Nassau County Division of Forensic Sciences, New York City Police Department Police Laboratory, Westchester County Division of Forensic Toxicology, and Suffolk County Crime Laboratory. Representatives from the laboratories were present or available via phone to respond to members' questions.

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The Chair then requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss matters relating to a current investigation or matters that may lead to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or suspension of a person. Mr. Loftis made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Walsh, and approved unanimously.

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The Commission returned to open session and the Chair indicated that the Commission did not take any formal action during Executive Session.

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The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2020 with the primary meeting site in Albany. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Buffolino, seconded by Dr. Dooley, and approved unanimously.

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Note:

Video of the meeting is available upon request.

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