

Illinois Forensic Science Commission  
Training and Career Development Subcommittee  
Open Meeting  
Monday, March 30, 2026, at 11 a.m.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Roll Call

The following individuals were present at the meeting:

1. Jodi Hoos, FS Commission member\*
2. Caryn Tucker, FS Commission member, subcommittee chairperson
3. Amy Watroba, Executive Director-FS Commission
4. Sheila Daugherty
5. Kevin Gillespie
6. Gary Lind
7. Anastasia Petruncio
8. Lindsay Simpson
9. Tom Spudich

\*denotes individual who joined meeting after roll call

III. Review/Adoption of the Minutes from February 23, 2026 Meeting

A. The vote on the minutes from the February 23, 2026 meeting was postponed until the next subcommittee meeting due to a lack of quorum.

IV. Old Business

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

- a. Ms. Tucker shared that the Commission approved the Firearms video at its March meeting and that Commission Members thanked the members of the subcommittee and subject matter experts who worked on the videos for their work. The Commission realizes that the individuals working on these videos are doing so in addition to their regular casework.
- b. Ms. Tucker and Ms. Watroba explained that amendments to the ADA will go into effect on April 24, 2026. Under the new amendments, anything posted on a government website after the effective date must comply with certain accessibility requirements. As such, the remaining videos will need to comply with the new ADA accessibility requirements. The subcommittee may want to update the videos already posted in the future to also make them more accessible. Ms. Tucker shared a sample Power Point and

explained how to check for accessibility and how to make suggested changes using the built-in accessibility assistant. The main things that will need to be added to the remaining videos are closed captioning, descriptions of pictures/images, and sufficient color contrast. There are resources online to assist with checking accessibility (YouTube videos, etc.) for Power Point, Word, and pdf documents. Correspondence from DoIT suggests that it is easier to address compliance issues when first creating a document or presentation rather than trying to go back and make changes later. The subcommittee discussed other possible resources for assistance with compliance. Resources can be shared on the TEAMs channel.

- c. The remaining disciplines (Trace, DNA, and toxicology) are in various stages of production. Given the new ADA requirements, these videos likely will not be complete and ready for review until the September Commission meeting. Ms. Watroba will speak with PIO to make the necessary changes to the introductory video.
- d. 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 138 to 181 views. Since the last subcommittee meeting the number of views for the Drug Chemistry video increased from 105 to 154 views. The Firearms video was posted approximately a week after the Commission meeting and already has 62 views.
- e. Ms. Watroba asked anyone interested in working on the Ethics video project to email her regarding their interest in the project. Two individuals have already volunteered. The subcommittee discussed possible sources of information to assist with initial brainstorming for the ethics video.

V. New Business

VI. Public Comment

No public comment offered.

VII. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 11 a.m. on Web Ex.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:26 a.m.