# Illinois Forensic Science Commission

## Drugs Subcommittee

### Meeting Minutes

### September 15, 2026, 9:30 a.m. meeting

I. Call to order

Subcommittee Chairperson Jillian Baker called the meeting to order at approximately 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held via Web Ex.

II. Roll call

The following people were present:

1. Jillian Baker, FS Commission Member, Subcommittee Chairperson
2. Jenna Cervantes, Subcommittee Member*
3. Gail Gutierrez, Subcommittee Member
4. Gina Havlik, Subcommittee Member
5. Eryn Maltese, Subcommittee Member
6. Amanda Shanbaum, Subcommittee Member
7. Brianna Simpson, Subcommittee Member
8. Amy Watroba, Executive Director-Forensic Science Commission

*denotes individual who joined meeting after roll call

III. Discussion/Approval of minutes from August 4, 2026 meeting

1. Discussion of the minutes from the August 4, 2026 meeting was postponed until the next meeting due to a lack of quorum.

IV. Chairperson Report

1. Ms. Baker provided a summary of the comments she provided to the Forensic Science Commission at its September 9, 2026 quarterly meeting about the subcommittee's work.

V. Emerging Drug Working Group Report

1. Ms. Shanbaum reported that the group met and that ISP representatives from each lab have been identified to join the committee. They are in the process of testing the classification system. The ISP representatives will meet next week to discuss expectations for the new members and then the entire EDWG will meet in October.

VI. Old Business

1. Sharing information related to emerging drugs-quarterly report and disclaimer.

The subcommittee discussed the updated drafts of the Q1 and Q2 reports and ideas for language to include on the Commission's webpage where the reports will be published. The subcommittee also discussed disclaimer language. The subcommittee discussed also creating an annual summary for each year.

Ms. Watroba will finalize the Q1 and Q2 reports and submit a request for the addition of a section to house the links to the quarterly reports on the Commission's webpage.

2. Fentanyl-related compound data and possible legislative recommendation.

   The subcommittee discussed ideas for a statement and/or recommendation in support of legislation that would control fentanyl as a class of drugs, in line with federal legislation. Ms. Watroba will begin working on a draft statement/recommendation in support of re-structuring the way fentanyl is controlled in the ICSA. The goal is to have a recommendation ready for Commission review at its December meeting. Ms. Watroba will reach out to Ms. Ward for guidance on how to package and present this recommendation if the Commission supports it.

3. Recommended language for Kratom legislation.

   The subcommittee discussed the next possible steps related to Kratom. The subcommittee discussed moving away from the idea of proposing legislative language to control Kratom and focusing instead on drafting a succinct informational statement about Kratom for the legislature. Most of this information is included in the Kratom fact sheet already drafted. The subcommittee discussed what facts would be most relevant and understandable to legislators, including an explanation of lab systems' testing capabilities and fiscal considerations.

4. Illinois Hemp Act
   The subcommittee had no updates on the Illinois Hemp Act and will remove this item from future agendas. If there are future developments, they can be addressed during the new business section of subcommittee meetings.

VII. New Business

1. Legislative update
   Ms. Watroba provided an update on SB 3322, which became law as P.A. 104-0819 and took effect on August 7, 2026. The Public Act amended Section 201 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act to provide more clarity about the

timeframe for automatic scheduling of a substance in Illinois that is federally scheduled.

VIII. Public Comment
No public comment offered.

IX. Next Meeting/Adjournment
The next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. on Web Ex.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:34 a.m.