Illinois Forensic Science Commission

Quality Systems Subcommittee

Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2026, 12:00 p.m. meeting

I. Call to order

Subcommittee Chairperson Claire Dragovich called the meeting to order at approximately 12:00 p.m. The meeting was held via Web Ex.

II. Roll call

The following people were present:

1. Jillian Baker, FS Commission Member, Subcommittee Member
2. Jeffrey Buford, FS Commission Member, Subcommittee Member
3. Claire Dragovich, FS Commission Member, Subcommittee Chairperson
4. Judge Art Hill (ret.), FS Commission Member, Subcommittee Member
5. Joanne Liu, Subcommittee Member
6. Peter St. Andre, FS Commission Member, Subcommittee Member
7. Amy Watroba, Executive Director-Forensic Science Commission
8. Maya Dukmasova
9. Kevin McMahon
10. Lindsay Simpson

III. Review of Minutes:

1. The August 21, 2026 subcommittee meeting minutes were approved.

IV. Discussion:

1. Review of materials related to THC testing at UIC-AFTL

Ms. Dragovich provided a refresher on the July 2016 changes to Illinois's DUI law with respect to cannabis, how delta-9 THC is metabolized in a person's body, and what types of toxicological testing were performed before and after the July 2016 law change (at non-AFTL Illinois labs).

AFTL tested urine for THC. As generally described in court transcripts, AFTL performed screening and quant for THC in urine on LC/MS/MS instrumentation using the following 2 steps: 1) "neat" run to detect THC. If THC was detected it was reported as "free THC;" 2) "hydrolyze" sample, which removes the glucuronide from THC-glucuronide, was run to detect THC. The results were reported as "total THC" typically with a note "no free cannabinoids detected."

The subcommittee then reviewed and discussed the following exhibits from People v. Anthony Diaz, DuPage County Case No. 22DT1715: Defense Motion Exhibits 2, 13, 20, 21, 22 (filed on June 5, 2026).

The subcommittee discussed a possible timeline for recommended next steps on this issue for the full Commission. The subcommittee would like to present at least a verbal report to the full Commission of observations and questions identified thus far at the December meeting even if the subcommittee is still reviewing materials. The subcommittee could also report to the full Commission on whether it believes there is value in continuing to review materials.

The subcommittee discussed inviting individuals who worked at AFTL to attend future subcommittee meetings where AFTL-related materials will be discussed. Ms. Watroba will obtain contact information and reach out.

The subcommittee will continue discussion at the next meeting of the transcript marked as Exhibit 2 and comparing it to the transcript marked as Exhibit 34.

V. Old Business
None.

VI. New Business
None.

VII. Public Comment

Ms. Dukmasova offered the following comment via the chat feature: human testing never brought in more than 5% of AFTL's revenue according to my reporting.

Mr. McMahon commented that he reached out to the attorney for the defendant associated with the lab report marked as Exhibit 20 in the Diaz case. The defendant was arrested before July of 2016 and therefore was charged under the old version of the DUI statute under subsection (a)(6). The testing of his sample took place after July of 2016. Mr. McMahon further commented that the report language in Exhibit 20 was only used in three cases, and the case referenced in Exhibit 20 was the only case where the reported amount was over the amount in the DUI statute. Mr. McMahon said that he reviewed every report that AFTL purportedly ever issued on THC and he did not see any report that said THC glucuronide was detected. The rest of the reports that follow reported total THC including free and conjugated language. Mr. McMahon also noted that Exhibit 2

contains testimony from Mr. Heffron that urine samples did not contain free delta-9 THC when they arrived at the lab.

VIII. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2026 at 12 p.m. on Web Ex. Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:02 p.m.