Illinois Forensic Science Commission
Training and Career Development Subcommittee
Open Meeting
Monday, August 17, 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. Judge Art Hill (ret.), 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. Bill Demuth
7. Karen Duquette
8. Gail Gutierrez
9. Gina Havlik
10. Gary Lind
11. Larry Shelton
12. Linday Simpson
13. Tom Spudich

*denotes individual who joined meeting after roll call

III. Review/Adoption of Minutes

A. The minutes from the July 27, 2026 meeting were approved.

IV. Old Business

A. Update and discussion on videos for Fundamentals of Forensic Science Video Project.
    a. Ms. Tucker provided an update on attempts to secure a license or subscription for text-to-voice software for use on the remaining 3 videos. The software could be used by ISP training coordinators for training materials and by the Commission.
    b. The draft DNA presentation and script are available on the shared drive. The DNA group is incorporating the suggestions offered thus far. They also will have the presentation reviewed by additional individuals. They hope to have the video ready for Commission review in December.

c. The Trace video is complete and is currently being reviewed by members of the Trace Section for suggestions and edits. It should be ready for Commission review in December.
d. Ms. Simpson and Mr. Shelton provided an update on the Toxicology video. The slide deck is almost complete and ready for comments. The script also is available on the shared drive. The subcommittee decided to set a deadline of one week for members to review the Tox script so that changes can be incorporated and then the video can be finalized before the December Commission meeting.

B. Update and discussion on Ethics Video Project
a. Ms. Tucker, Ms. Havlik, Ms. Petruncio, and Ms. Baker have met. They are working from another presentation and the Commission's training recommendation for ethics training as a starting point.

C. Update and discussion on panel discussions/speaker series project
a. Ms. Watroba has secured a speaker on the topic of forensic scientist wellness. She shared some information about the speaker and will schedule the event for the end of October. The subcommittee discussed how information about the guest speaker can be disseminated to interested parties.

V. New Business
A. None.

VI. Public Comment
No public comment offered.

VII. Next Meeting/Adjournment
The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 28, 2026 on Web Ex. The previously scheduled meeting on August 24, 2026 is cancelled.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 11:26 a.m.