Illinois Forensic Science Commission
Training and Career Development Subcommittee
Open Meeting
Monday, November 2, 2026, at 10 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 Arthur Hill, 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. Adrienne Bickel
7. James DeFrancesco*
8. Bill Demuth
9. Karen Duquette
10. Kevin Gillespie
11. Gail Gutierrez
12. Gina Havlik
13. Gary Lind
14. Anastasia Petruncio
15. Lisa Ramos
16. Larry Shelton
17. Lindsay Simpson
18. Tom Spudich

*indicates individual who joined meeting after roll call

III. Review/Adoption of Minutes

A. The minutes from the August 28, 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 voice-to-text software for use on the remaining 3 videos. Each section provided an update on their progress with video content. A deadline of November 16th was established for review of the Trace and

Toxicology slides and scripts currently on the shared space. DNA expects to have updated materials for review by November 16th.

b. Ms. Watroba reported a noticeable increase in the pace of video views for the 3 completed videos for the second month in a row. Since last checked on September 28, 2026, Drug Chemistry went from 479 views to 599 views, Latent Prints went from 388 views to 469 views, and Firearms went from 395 views to 562 views.

B. Update and discussion on Ethics Video Project

a. This group has not met since the last subcommittee meeting. The group scheduled their next meeting for November 13th.

C. Update on speaker series project

a. The speaker series will welcome Michael Kessler on November 18th from 1-2:15 p.m. Central Time to speak on the topic of Wellness. Materials written by Mr. Kessler on the topic are available in the shared space and Ms. Watroba also will post them on the general Commission shared space.

V. New Business

A. None.

VI. Public Comment

No public comment offered.

VII. Next Meeting/Adjournment

The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 23, 2026, at 11 a.m. on Web Ex.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:35 a.m.