

# SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 9:30 am

All Virtual via Teams

## Draft Agenda

- I. **Call to Order and Welcome** – *Erin P. Forry, Chair*
- II. **Adoption of Agenda**
- III. **Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2026 Meeting**
- IV. **Chair's Report, if any**
- V. **Report from Forensic Biology Subcommittee** - *Kathleen Corrado, PhD, Subcommittee Chair*
- VI. **Report from the Toxicology Subcommittee** – *Marc A. LeBeau, PhD, Subcommittee Chair*
- VII. **Report from the Breath Alcohol Subcommittee** – *Robert Miles, Subcommittee Chair*
- VIII. **Report from Firearms & Toolmarks Subcommittee** – *William E. Demuth, II, Subcommittee Chair*
- IX. **DFS Director's Report** – *Director Alka B. Lohmann*
  - Agency Updates
  - Facilities
  - Workloads / Backlogs
  - Resources
- X. **Division of Technical Services (DTS) Updates**
  - DTS Update – *Theresa Staropoli, Director of Technical Services*
  - Chemistry Program Update – *Robyn Weimer, Program Manager*
  - Evidence Receiving Update – *Ellen Spain, Program Manager*
  - Forensic Biology Program Update – *Elizabeth Ballard, Program Manager*
  - Physical Evidence Program Update – *Samantha Glass, Program Manager*
  - Toxicology Program Update – *James Hutchings, PhD, Program Manager*
- XI. **Old Business**
  - Proposed Amendments to the Scientific Advisory Committee By-Laws – *Amy Jenkins, Chief Deputy Director*
  - Update on the Mary Jane Burton Cases
    - Mary Jane Burton Case File Review Status  
*Christina Barnes Arrington, PhD, Senior Methodologist, Virginia State Crime Commission*
    - Mary Jane Burton Review Panel  
*Tracy Roe, Senior Research Analyst, Virginia State Crime Commission*

- MJB Case Notifications  
*Amy C. Jenkins, DFS Chief Deputy Director*

**XII. New Business**

- Review of the Freedom of Information Act- *Amy C. Jenkins, Chief Deputy Director*
- Annual Review and Approval of the Policy on Individual Electronic Participation and All-Virtual Meetings under § 2.2-3708.3 – *Amy C. Jenkins, Chief Deputy Director*

**XIII. Public Comment, if any**

- The public comment period is limited to thirty (30) minutes.
- Individual speaker comments will be limited to five (5) minutes, on a first-come first-served basis.
- Speakers must be available at the time they are recognized, or they forfeit their opportunity to speak.
- A speaker cannot transfer or delegate their time to others.
- Public comment may be submitted by email to [farryl.sorokin@dfs.virginia.gov](mailto:farryl.sorokin@dfs.virginia.gov) no later than 5:00 p.m. of the workday prior to the meeting.

**XIV. Confirm Future Meeting Dates**

- April 20, 2027 – In-Person
- October 5, 2027 – All-Virtual

**XV. Adjourn**

**Public Access Teams Webinar link:**

<https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/73a685cf-4283-4cc5-9ea7-3900d3046808@620ae5a9-4ec1-4fa0-8641-5d9f386c7309?source=copyLinkLegacyShareLinkDialog>

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