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Draft Minutes
Meeting of the Trace Evidence Subcommittee
of the Scientific Advisory Committee
Department of Forensic Science
April 20, 2026

8 **Subcommittee Members Present**

9 Randall Beaty
10 Christopher Bommarito, *Chair*
11 Erin Forry

13 **Subcommittee Members Absent**

14 Kenneth Zercie

16 **DFS Staff Members Present**

17 David A. Barron, Ph.D., Deputy Director
18 Michelle Drake, Principal Forensic Scientist
19 Linda C. Jackson, Director
20 Amy Jenkins, Chief Deputy Director
21 David Koppenhaver, Eastern Laboratory Director
22 Tiffany Leusby, Forensic Scientist, Senior
23 Alka B. Lohmann, Director of Technical Services
24 Kevin Patrick, Western Laboratory Director
25 David Siecker, Communications and Executive Support Specialist
26 Farryl Sorokin, Secretary to the Scientific Advisory Committee
27 Rebecca Wagner, Ph.D., Chemistry Research Section Supervisor
28 Robyn Weimer, Toxicology Program Manager

30 **Call to Order by Subcommittee Chair**

32 Upon notice that a quorum of the Subcommittee was present, Chair Bommarito called the meeting
33 of the Trace Evidence Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) to order at 2:34 p.m.

35 **Adoption of Agenda**

36 Chair Bommarito advised that the first order of business was the adoption of the draft agenda for
37 the meeting and noted that the agenda was previously shared with the Subcommittee members by
38 Ms. Sorokin. Mr. Beaty made a motion to adopt the agenda, which was seconded and passed by
39 unanimous vote of the Subcommittee.

41 **Adoption of Draft Minutes from the July 23, 2024 Subcommittee Meeting**

42 Chair Bommarito noted that the draft minutes from the July 23, 2024 meeting of the Subcommittee
43 were previously shared and asked if there were any proposed changes. Being none, Chair
44 Bommarito asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Beaty made a motion that the minutes
45 be approved, which was seconded and adopted by unanimous vote.

47 **Discussion of Verification Summary**

48 In advance of the meeting, the members of the Subcommittee were provided copies of the μ
49 *XRF Verification Summary*.

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51 Principal Forensic Scientist Michelle Drake provided an overview of the verification summary.
52 After her presentation, there were multiple questions from the Subcommittee members and
53 conversations ensued relating to the size, thickness, and angle of the samples being compared and
54 how limitations will be reported in the procedures manual.

55 Once the discussion concluded, Chair Bommarito asked for a motion to recommend closure of the
56 verification summary review pending a recommendation for DFS to further analyze the samples
57 dissociated based on size differences. Ms. Forry made a motion to close the Subcommittee's
58 review of the verification, subject to the recommendation, which was seconded and passed by
59 unanimous vote of the Subcommittee.

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61 **Public Comment**

62 An opportunity for public comment was provided. No members of the public were present to
63 provide comment.

64 **Adjournment**

65 Chair Bommarito asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Beaty made the motion, which
66 was seconded and passed by unanimous vote of the Subcommittee. The meeting adjourned at 2:55
67 p.m.