# HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING April 12, 2019

Notice is hereby given that beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the date set out above, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. (the "Corporation") will meet in the Council Annex Chambers, 900 Bagby St. (Public Level), Houston, Texas 77002. The items listed below may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair and any items listed for closed session may be discussed and/or approved in open session and vice versa as permitted by law.

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to order.
- 2. Roll call; confirmation of presence of quorum.
- 3. Reading of draft minutes of March 8, 2019 Board meeting. Consideration of proposed corrections, if any. Approval of minutes.
- 4. Public comment.
- 5. Report from Nicole Casarez, board chair, including a monthly update of activities and other announcements.
  - a. Consider a resolution reaffirming the commitment of the Corporation's Board to full compliance with the letter and spirit of Texas Government Code Chapter 551, (the "Texas Open Meetings Act") and possible related action.

# Reports and presentations by corporate officers, and possible related action items

- 6. Report from Dr. Peter Stout, president and CEO, including technical updates, outreach efforts, staffing changes and other corporate business items.
  - a. Consider authorizing the President and CEO to enter into a lease agreement (with option to purchase,) with Agilent Technologies for one LC-QQQ device, related components, service, and training, in the amount of \$376,175.40 (total contract amount,) and possible related action.
- 7. Presentation by Mr. David Leach, treasurer and CFO, regarding proposed reallocation to the fiscal year budget and possible related action.
- 8. Report from Mr. Leach regarding company financials and other fiscal updates.
- 9. Monthly operations report from Dr. Amy Castillo, vice president and COO, including a review of turnaround times and backlogs.

## Reports and presentations by staff

- 10. Report from Mr. Jerry Pena, director of CSU and digital multimedia evidence, on evidence collection, turnaround times and other updates.
- 11. Report from Mr. Charles Evans, director of business development, regarding the status of the Corporation's facility project and move to 500 Jefferson.
  - a. Consider authorizing the President and CEO to purchase lab furniture for the Corporation's new lab space located at 500 Jefferson Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor, Houston, Texas 77002, in the amount of \$325,542, including \$99,220 in federal grant funds and \$226,542 to be received from Jefferson Smith, LLC. (pursuant to Exhibit "E-1.1" of the lease agreement between Jefferson Smith, LLC. and the City of Houston); and further authorizing a maximum purchase cost of up to \$350,000, inclusive of federal grant funds, and possible related action.
- 12. Report from Ms. Erika Ziemak, assistant quality director, regarding quality assurance, including review of testimony monitoring, proficiency tests and corrective actions.
- 13. Adjournment.

## -NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL NEEDS -

Persons requiring accommodations for special needs may contact the HFSC at 713-929-6760 to arrange for assistance.

## -NOTICE REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT -

Members of the public may address the Board during the "Public Comment" segment of the meeting. Each speaker should limit his or her comments to three minutes. The Chairman may limit both the number of speakers and the time allotted for each speaker. A speaker who plans to submit a document for the Board's consideration should provide at least ten copies of the document, each marked with the speaker's name.

## - NOTICE REGARDING CLOSED MEETINGS -

As authorized by Texas Government Code Chapter 551.001 (the "Open Meetings Act",) if during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive session of the Board should be held or is required in relation to any items included in this Notice, then such closed or executive session as authorized by Section 551.001 et seq. of the Texas Government Code (the Open Meetings Act) will be held by the Board at the date, hour and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the noticed open meeting, for any and all purposes permitted by Section 551.071-551.089, inclusive, of the Open Meetings Act.

The presiding officer shall announce that the Board will convene in a closed meeting; that is, in "a meeting to which the public does not have access," sometimes known as an

"executive session." The presiding officer's announcement will identify the provision(s) of the Open Meetings Act permitted by Section 551.071-551.089 under which the closed meeting will be held. Should any final action or vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive session, then such final action or vote shall be taken only in a meeting open to the public, including reconvening the open meeting covered by this Notice.

# Certification of Posting of Notice of the Board of Directors ("the Board) of the Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. (the "Corporation)

I, Jordan Benton, coordinator of board relations and executive administration, do hereby certify that a notice of this meeting was posted on Tuesday, the 9th day of April, 2019 in a place convenient to the public in the Council Annex Chambers, 900 Bagby Street. (Public Level), Houston, Texas 77002, and on the HFSC website as required by Section 551.002 et seq., Texas Government Code.

Given under my hand this the 9th day of April 2019.

Jordan Benton