

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

ARIZONA CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION

PUBLIC FEEDBACK MEETING

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the general public that the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission's Criminal Justice Systems Improvement program staff will hold a Livestream meeting open to the public on **Tuesday, September 07, 2021, beginning at 1:00pm.** Members of the Public may attend by telephone, video or internet conferencing. The purpose of this meeting is to collect feedback and recommendations from members of the public on possible changes to the Full Service Forensic Crime Laboratory Program rules. Any members of the general public with feedback on these programs are encouraged to attend. Feedback from community stakeholders is a critical part of the rule revision process. Please take this opportunity to have your voice heard.

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Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

	Agenda Items	Presenter
I.	Call to order	Marc Peoples
	This meeting is being recorded for compliance with the Arizona open meeting law.	
II.	Review of ACJC's GRRC Proposal	Marc Peoples
	Review and discuss Full Service Forensic Crime Laboratory Program rules.	Info
III.	Call to the Public	Marc Peoples
	Those wishing to address ACJC need not request permission in advance. In order to facilitate virtual participation in the meeting, members of the public wishing to address ACJC will need to email Marc Peoples at cjadmin@azcjc.gov in advance of the meeting and provide the phone number where you can be reached. Staff will email you an acknowledgment of your request and call you during the Call to the Public for your comment. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or rescheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.	
IV.	Closing	
	A copy of the agenda background material provided to Committee members is available for public inspection at the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission Office, 1110 West Washington, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85007, (602) 364-1146. This document is available in alternative formats by contacting the Commission Office.	

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ACTION-MOTION/ INFORMATION ITEM

Presenter	<i>Marc Peoples</i>	
Agenda Title	<i>Review of ACJC's GRRC Proposal</i>	

Recommended Action	Review and discuss Full Service Forensic Crime Laboratory Program rules.
Details/Discussion	None
Fiscal Impact	None
Alternatives Considered	Not Approve-Modify-Table

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The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission met with the recipients of the Full Service Crime Laboratory Grant to discuss the validity of the Full Service Definition. Directors from Scottsdale Police Department, Department of Public Safety, Mesa Police Department, Phoenix Police Department, and Tucson Police Department informed the Commission that the processes and procedures currently specified in the full service definition are outdated and does not highlight forensic nuances. The directors presented the following revision of the Full Service Crime Laboratory Definition. This revision of the definition is under review by the Arizona Governor's Regulatory Review Council.

Full Service Crime Laboratory Definition Proposed Revision

The goal of the Full-Service Forensic Crime Laboratory Program is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the states' various full-service crime laboratories. To be eligible for funding under this program, State, county, or local law enforcement forensic crime laboratories must be a Full Service Laboratory. To qualify as a Full Service Crime Laboratory, a forensic crime laboratory must:

- (1) Be operated by a criminal justice agency that is a political subdivision of the state; **(no change)**
- (2) Employ at least one full-time forensic scientist who holds a minimum of a bachelor's degree in a physical or natural science; **(no change)**
- (3) Register as an analytical laboratory with the Drug Enforcement Administration of the United States Department of Justice for possession of all scheduled, controlled substances; **(no change)**
- (4) Be accredited by the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board **(under revision)**

- **Proposed verbiage** – Be accredited by an organization that provides accreditation based on ILAC G19 and ISO/IEC 17025 or ISO/IEC 17020 and any relevant field-specific standards;

ILAC – International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation

G19 – G series # 19 (standard number for forensic science processes)

ISO – International Organization of Standardization

17025 - standard number for calibration testing laboratories

17020 – standard number of general operation of bodies performing inspections

- (5) Provide, at a minimum, services in the areas of controlled substances, forensic biology, DNA, blood and breath alcohol, firearms, and toolmarks. **(under revision)**
 - **Proposed verbiage** – Provide a minimum of 6 forensic disciplines in the areas of trace evidence, blood and breath alcohol, firearms and toolmarks, crime scene processing, latent print comparisons, seized drugs, DNA, digital forensics, and drug toxicology. In addition to the minimum of 6 disciplines, at least one of the 6 disciplines must be DNA, digital forensics, or drug toxicology.