

1 **Microscopic Hair Comparison Case Review Subcommittee of the**
2 **Forensic Science Board**
3 **Monday, August 19, 2024**
4 **Central Laboratory, Classrooms 1 and 2**

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6 **Subcommittee Members Present**

7 The Honorable Megan L. Clark, Prince Edward Commonwealth’s Attorney - *Subcommittee Chair*
8 Lieutenant Colonel Timothy Lyon (Designee of Colonel Gary T. Settle, Superintendent, Virginia
9 State Police)
10 Michael HuYoung, Esquire

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12 **Staff Members Present**

13 Amy C. Jenkins, Department Counsel
14 Deea Chakraborty, DFS Legal Assistant
15 Farryl Sorokin, DFS PERK Tracking System Coordinator

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17 **Call to Order by Subcommittee**

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19 The Honorable Megan L. Clark, Chair, called the meeting of the Microscopic Hair Comparison
20 Case Review Subcommittee (“Subcommittee”) to order at 10:00 A.M.

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22 **Adoption of Agenda**

23 The Chair asked if there were any changes or corrections to today’s agenda. Being none, the agenda
24 was approved by consensus.

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26 **Adoption of Draft Minutes of the December 13, 2023, Meeting**

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28 The Chair asked if there were any changes or corrections to the draft minutes from the June 7,
29 2024, meeting. Being none, the Subcommittee adopted the minutes by consensus.

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31 **Review Team Recommendations**

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33 Amy Jenkins, Department Counsel, presented for the Subcommittee’s consideration the
34 recommendations of the Review Team from its July 8, 2024, meeting regarding three cases:

- 35 • C84-929 was a case where the Review Team indicated no notification was required. The
36 Subcommittee flagged language including the use of the term “matched” and that the
37 examiner indicated that he conducted a visual and not microscopic comparison of the hairs.
38 The Subcommittee determined that notification was appropriate.
- 39 • A83-00050 was a case where the Review Team indicated notification was required. The
40 Subcommittee felt that the scientist was testifying accurately, but the questions asked by
41 the attorneys were problematic. The Subcommittee agreed that notification was
42 appropriate.
- 43 • For A83-00512, the Subcommittee agreed with the Review Team that notification was not
44 appropriate.

45 **Public Comment**

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47 There was no public comment.

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49 **Confirm Future Meeting Date**

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51 No future meeting was scheduled until additional new transcripts were obtained for review.

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53 **Adjournment**

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55 Ms. Clark called to adjourn the Subcommittee meeting and all members agreed to adjourn the
56 meeting unanimously.

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58 The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.