

National Commission on Forensic Science (NCFS)

A Federal Advisory Committee
for the U.S. Department of Justice



U.S. Department of Commerce

12th Meeting: January 9-10, 2017

DOJ Remarks

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Senior Forensic Advisor
to the Deputy Attorney General

NIST Remarks

Willie E. May, PhD

Director Emeritus, NIST

Kent B. Rochford, PhD

Acting Director, NIST

Agenda Items for Day 1

Subcommittee Reports (potential votes on documents)

- SPO: NCFS Summary Report
- Accreditation and Proficiency Testing (1)
- Medicolegal Death Investigation (2)
- Human Factors (1)

Update on Forensic Science Discipline Review

Two Panel Sessions on **Scientific Foundations**

Agenda Items for Day 2

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- Reporting and Testimony (1)

BJS Survey Update

Panel Discussion on Jury Understanding of Statistics

Two Panel Sessions on **Research**

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Up for Potential Vote at this Meeting

1. **Recommendation** on Accreditation of Digital and Multimedia Forensic Science Service Providers [Accreditation and Proficiency Testing]
2. Views on Recognizing the Autonomy and Neutrality of Forensic Pathologists [Medicolegal Death Investigation]
3. **Recommendation** on Model Legislation for Medicolegal Death Investigation Systems [Medicolegal Death Investigation]
4. Views on Use of Checklists in Forensic Science [Human Factors]
5. Views on Report and Case Record Contents [Reporting and Testimony]

Documents Out for Public Comment that will be introduced at this meeting

1. Views on Statistical Statements in Forensic
Testimony [Reporting and Testimony]

**Public comment open
through January 25, 2017**

Members Here & Establishing a Quorum

32 voting members and 8 ex-officio members

Ex-Officio Members May Vote on Commission Business Matters

8 Ex-Officio Members

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3. Fran Schrotter
4. Rebecca Ferrell
5. Patricia Manzolillo
6. Gerry LaPorte
7. Marilyn Huestis
8. David Honey

Voting Members Not Here

- Greg Champagne
 - Proxy Tim Scanlan
- Dean Gialamas
 - Proxy Wes Grose
- Bridget McCormack
 - Proxy John Hollway
- Paul Giannelli
 - Proxy Bill Thompson
- Sunita Sah (emailed votes)
- **Stephen Fienberg** (No provision for proxy)

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Those Voting Today (Day1)

21 votes needed for 2/3

1. Nelson Santos
2. John Butler
3. Tom Albright
4. Suzanne Bell
5. Fred Bieber
6. Arturo Casadevall
7. Greg Champagne (proxy)
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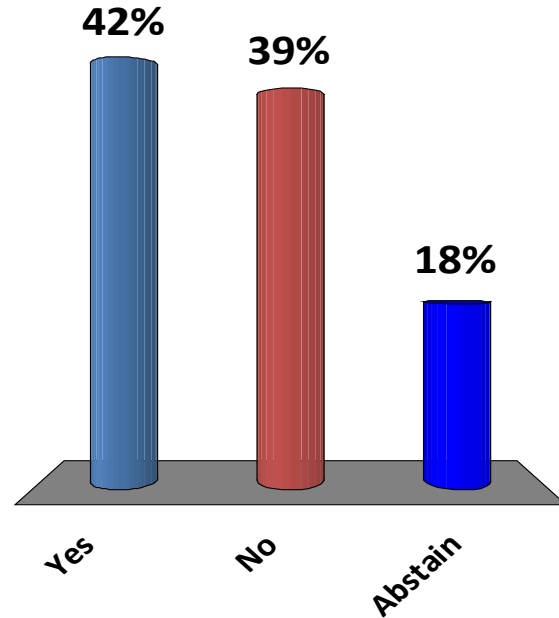
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SPO Update

- Judge Pam King
- NCFS Summary Report

Does the NCFS Summary Report include a sentence that NCFS continues in its current form?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Abstain



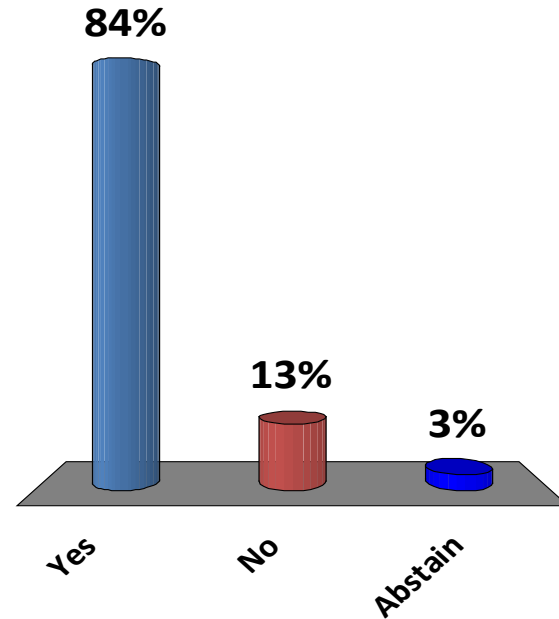
Accreditation and Proficiency Testing Subcommittee

Recommendation on Accreditation of Digital and Multimedia FSSPs

Recommendation

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Add “as listed above” to the end of Recommendation bullet #6]

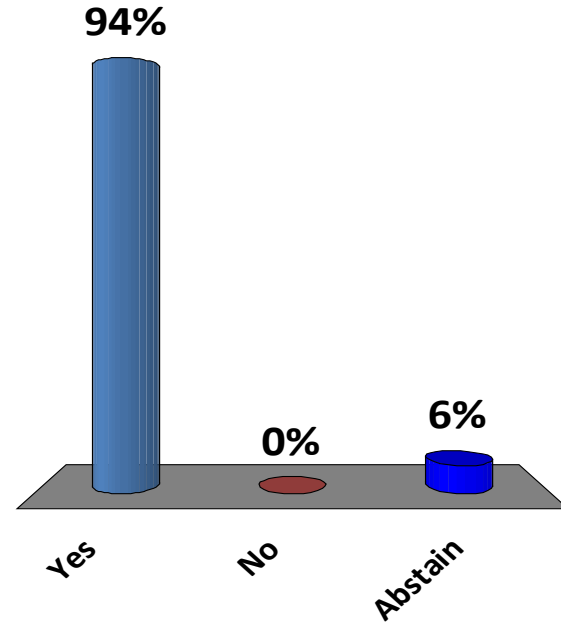
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Medicolegal Death Investigation Subcommittee

Recognizing the Autonomy and Neutrality of Forensic Pathologists Views Document

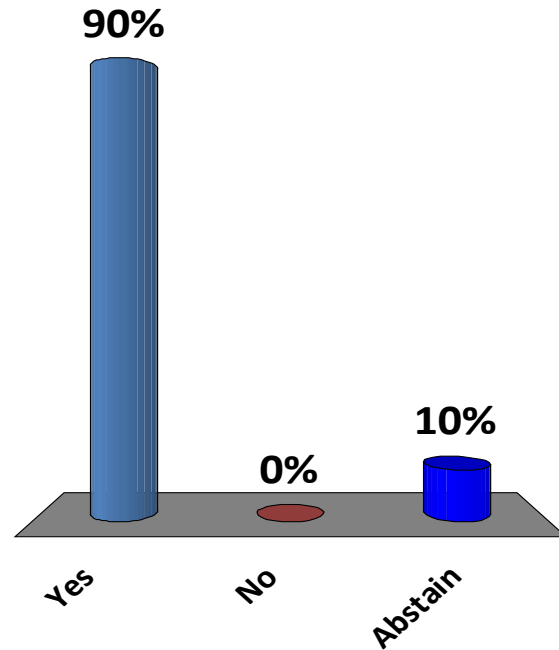
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Model Legislation for MDI Systems Recommendation

[Change Reference #11 to read 2011, not 2001]

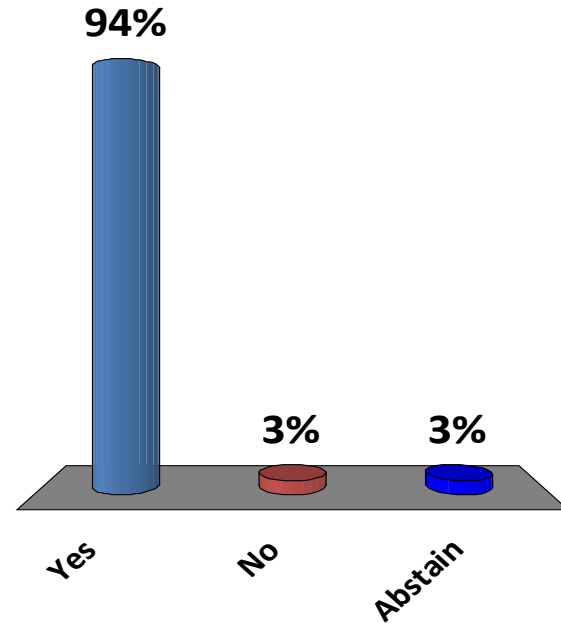
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Human Factors Subcommittee

Use of Checklists in Forensic Science Views Document

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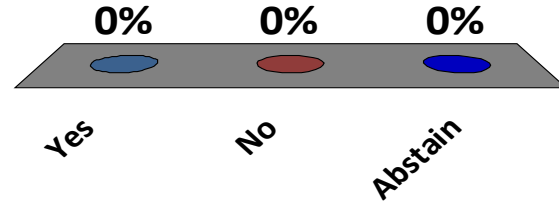
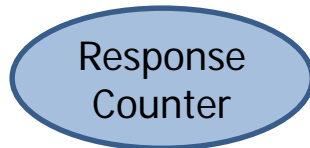
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Reporting and Testimony Subcommittee

Report and Case Record Contents Views Document

[This document will be re-drafted by the subcommittee and sent out for an interim public comment period. No vote was taken.]

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2. No
3. Abstain



Possible Panel Ideas for Meeting 13

1. Federal Research (DoD, NIH)
2. Victim's Issues
3. Wrongful Convictions
4. New ISO Standard on Interpretation of Evidence
5. Training
6. Quality Reviews/ Forensic Commissions
7. Performance Management and Metrics; Key Performance Indicators
8. Update on AAAS gap analysis
9. Update on OSTP Forensic R&D Task Force
10. Update on OSAC
11. Discuss Return on Investment
12. Feedback from Professional Organizations on Impact of NCFS Recommendations
13. Other?

Other Items

- Randy Hanzlick – MDI comments