# Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. Resolutions 2019



# HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER, INC.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2019-001**

RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE COMMITMENT OF THE HOUSTON FORENSIC SCIENCE CENTER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE LETTER AND SPIRIT OF TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 551, (THE "TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT").

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. (the "Corporation") desires to reaffirm its commitment to full compliance with the letter and spirit of the Texas Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals recently issued an opinion in State of Texas v. Craig Doyle, holding that Texas Government Code Section 551.143 is unconstitutionally vague; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Corporation's Certificate of Formation and Bylaws the Board must comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act; and

WHEREAS, the Board is committed to transparency, specifically regarding its deliberations and decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS, the Board has concluded that it is in the best interests of the Corporation to reaffirm its commitment to transparency and that such action will further the purposes of the Corporation;

#### NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE DIRECTORS OF THE CORPORATION:

- **SECTION 1.** That the findings contained in the preamble of this Resolution are declared to be true and correct and are adopted as part of this Resolution.
- **SECTION 2.** That in furtherance of the findings adopted in Section 1 above, the Corporation reaffirms its commitment to fully comply with the letter and spirit of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
- **SECTION 3.** That a quorum of the Board will not deliberate matters under its jurisdiction, in secret, except as provided by law, including Subchapter D of Texas Government Code Chapter 551, ("Exceptions to requirement that meetings be open").
- **SECTION 4.** That the directors of the Board will not engage in conduct to intentionally avoid the requirements of the Texas Open Meetings Act or undermine its purposes.
- **SECTION 5.** That if directors of the Board gather in numbers less than a quorum, the directors will be mindful of subsequent gatherings, which may undermine the Board's obligation to conduct open and public deliberations.
- **SECTION 6.** That, if any provision of this Resolution is for any reason, held to be unconstitutional or void, the remaining portions shall not be affected thereby, and all provisions of this Resolution are declared to be severable for that purpose.
- **SECTION 7:** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage by the Board of Directors.



# CERTIFICATE

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The undersigned hereby certifies that this Resolution 2019-001 was duly adopted by the Board of
Directors of Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc., on the day of April 2019.
Executed this a day of
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Jordan Benton, Secretary of the Board of Directors