

# Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.

## Board of Directors Public Meeting

Friday, March 13, 2026

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Notice is hereby given that beginning at 9:00 a.m. on the date set out above, a quorum of the board of directors (the "board") of the Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc. ("HFSC" and / or the "corporation") will meet in the City Hall Council Annex Chamber, 900 Bagby Street (public level), Houston, Texas 77002.

In accordance with Chapter 552 of the Texas Government Code (Texas Open Meetings Act) the agenda is posted for public information, at all times, for at least three business days preceding the scheduled time of the meeting on the bulletin board located on the exterior wall of the City Hall building at 901 Bagby Street. The notice of this meeting, the agenda and the meeting packet are also posted [online](http://www.hfsctx.gov/meeting-archives) at [www.hfsctx.gov/meeting-archives](http://www.hfsctx.gov/meeting-archives).

The items listed below may be taken out of order at the discretion of the chair. After the meeting concludes, a recording of the meeting will be posted to HFSC [website](http://www.hfsctx.gov) at [www.hfsctx.gov](http://www.hfsctx.gov).

### PARTICIPATING IN THE PUBLIC MEETING:

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT:

The public is permitted to speak in-person during the public comment agenda item and as permitted by the chair. A speaker may address any subject relevant to the purpose of the corporation. Each speaker should limit his or her comments to three minutes. The chair 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. If you have questions regarding attending this meeting, please contact Board Secretary Natalee Veazey Haley at (713) 929-6760.

### AGENDA

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call; confirmation of presence of quorum.
3. Report from Ms. Ellen Cohen, board chair, including a monthly update of activities and other announcements.
4. Public Comment.
5. Reading of draft minutes from January 9, 2026, regular board meeting. Consideration of proposed corrections, if any. Approval of minutes.

6. Report from Dr. Peter Stout, president and CEO, including an overview of operations and technical updates, fiscal year 2027 budget proposal highlights, and other corporate business items.
7. Consider approval of a contract between National Medical Services (NMS) Laboratories and the corporation for forensic outsourcing services in the toxicology section and related services, total budget not to exceed \$400,000.00, and related action.
8. Consider approval of a contract for DNA outsourcing services between the corporation and Signature Science, LLC to be funded by the FY2024 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) DNA Capacity Enhancement and Backlog Reduction federal grant, total budget not to exceed \$760,367.00.
9. Presentation from Mr. David Leach, treasurer and CFO, of audited financial statements for fiscal year 2025 pursuant to the Single Audit Act, and possible related.
10. Presentation from Mr. David Leach, treasurer and CFO, regarding the proposed fiscal year 2027 budget.
  - a. Consider approval of HFSC's budget proposal for fiscal year 2027 and related action.
11. Report from Mrs. Jackeline Moral, quality director, which includes updates on quality and disclosures from the Texas Forensic Science Commission.
12. Adjournment.

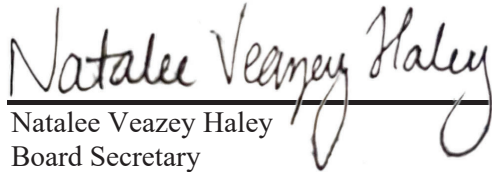
**NOTICE REGARDING SPECIAL NEEDS:**

Persons requiring accommodations for special needs may contact HFSC at 713-929-6760.

**Certification of Posting of Notice of the Board of Directors, Houston Forensic Science Center, Inc.**

I, Natalee Veazey Haley, do hereby certify that a notice of this meeting was posted on Monday, the 9th day of March 2026, in a place convenient to the public on the bulletin board located on the exterior wall of the City Hall building at 901 Bagby Street, Houston, Texas 77002, and on the HFSC [website](#) as required by Section 551.002 et seq., Texas Government Code.

Given under my hand this 9th day of March 2026.

  
Natalee Veazey Haley  
Board Secretary