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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Creating the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Forensic Services Committee

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Forensic Services Committee.

I. Background and Purpose

The mission of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation Forensic Services (CBIFS) is to pursue justice and ensure a safer Colorado by providing excellence in forensic services. To fulfill this mission, CBIFS must maintain collaborative working relationships and communication with members of the criminal justice system and the scientific community. The Colorado Bureau of Investigation Forensic Services Committee (Committee) will help facilitate this collaboration by providing a forum to address and discuss issues, concerns, and oversight relating to the forensic services provided by CBIFS, and their application to and impact on the criminal justice system.

II. Mission and Scope

The Committee shall provide the CBI Director with advice and feedback from the criminal justice and scientific communities regarding the use and effectiveness of services provided by CBIFS, as well as aim to enhance communication between CBIFS and stakeholders. The Committee shall:

- A. Review CBIFS quality incidents;
- B. Provide input to CBIFS regarding the impact of Forensic Services submission, reporting, and discovery procedural changes;
- C. Propose CBIFS improvements; and
- D. Provide input on other topics proposed by the Committee Chair.

III. Membership

The Committee may consist of the following voting members who shall be selected for their knowledge of laboratory submission guidelines, evidence procedures, and forensic practices, whether that be as a current or former judge, attorney, law enforcement officer,

forensic laboratory leader, CBIFS staff, or other position. Committee membership shall constitute a cross-section of Colorado's criminal justice community.

- A. Representatives appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the Governor as follows:
 1. A representative of the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police;
 2. A representative of the County Sheriffs of Colorado;
 3. A representative from the Colorado Criminal Defense Bar;
 4. An academic from a college or university in Colorado with expertise in criminal justice and/or forensic services;
 5. A representative with experience in post-conviction and/or innocence work in Colorado;
 6. A representative of the Colorado Laboratory Directors working group; and
 7. A current or retired state Laboratory Director, preferably with Laboratory Director experience from outside Colorado.
- B. The CBI Deputy Director - Forensic Services or designee, who shall serve as Chair of the Committee;
- C. The CBIFS Laboratory System Director or designee, who shall serve as Vice-Chair of the Committee;
- D. The CBIFS Quality Director or designee, who shall serve as the Secretary of the Committee;
- E. The Executive Director of the Colorado District Attorneys' Council or designee;
- F. The State Public Defender or designee;
- G. A representative appointed by the Colorado Attorney General; and
- H. Any person selected by the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety to serve as a voting member(s) of the CBIFS.

Committee members not employed by the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS) shall not be construed as employees or agents of CBIFS or CDPS.

The Committee shall ensure there are policies and procedures in place to address and prevent conflicts of interest and to ensure that participation does not conflict with or limit a participating individual's or entity's ability to discharge their primary mission or responsibilities in individual cases.

Individuals who are not members of the Committee may participate in meetings of the Committee, when input from particular subject matter experts would be helpful to the work of

the Committee. Individuals who are not members of the Committee may participate in meetings of the Committee only upon invitation from the Chair of the Committee. Nonmembers shall be invited to participate based upon their expertise with respect to an issue relevant to the Committee.

IV. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in effect unless modified or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this twenty-second
day of November, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored rectangular background.

Jared Polis
Governor