

# Medical Examiners Commission Meeting

May 27, 2016

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#### MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING

Hyatt Regency Sarasota 1000 Boulevard of the Arts Sarasota, FL 34236 May 27, 2016, 10:00 AM

**Opening Remarks** 

Introduction of Commission Members and Staff

Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes from previous Commission Meeting of February 19, 2016

	ISSUE NUMBER	PRESENTER
1.	Informational Items:	
	MEC Reappointments	Vickie Koenig
	2015 Drugs in Deceased Persons Report	Beth McNeil
	2015 Annual Workload Report	Beth McNeil
	• 2015 Coverdell Grant	Beth McNeil
	2016 Legislative Session	Jim Martin, J.D.
2.	Reappointment Nominations for Districts 8, 10, 12, and Assessments for Districts 11 and 13	Vickie Koenig
3.	Disciplinary Hearing for District 18	Stephen J. Nelson, M.D.
4.	Disciplinary Hearing for District 15	Stephen J. Nelson, M.D.
5.	FEMORS Mass Casualty/Fatality Exercise	Jason H. Byrd, Ph.D.
6.	District 9 Home Rule/District 25	Stephen J. Nelson, M.D.
7.	Unidentified Deceased Initiative	Doug Culbertson
8.	2016 FAME Educational Conference	Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D.
9.	Other Business	
	Department of Health/CDC Grant Proposal	Joshua Sturms
	New Travel Rules	Vickie Koenig

#### MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING

Florida Sheriff's Association 2617 Mahan Drive Tallahassee, Florida February 19, 2016 1:00 PM

Stephen J. Nelson, M.D., called the meeting of the Medical Examiners Commission to order at <u>1:00</u> <u>PM</u> at the Florida Sheriff's Association in Tallahassee, Florida. He advised those in the audience that the meetings of the Medical Examiners Commission are open to the public and that members of the public will be allowed five minutes to speak. He then welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Commission members, staff, and audience members to introduce themselves.

#### Commission members present:

Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P., District 10 Medical Examiner Barbara C. Wolf, M.D., District 5 Medical Examiner Wesley Heidt, J.D., Office of the Attorney General Hon. James S. Purdy, J.D., Public Defender, 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Hon. Rick Beseler, Sheriff, Clay County Robin Giddens Sheppard, L.F.D., Vice President/Funeral Director Ken Jones, State Registrar, Department of Health Hon. Angela B. Corey, J.D., State Attorney, 4<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Carol Whitmore, County Commissioner, (attended via teleconference)

#### Commission staff present:

Vickie Koenig	Doug Culbertson
Beth McNeil	Jim Martin

#### **District Medical Examiners present:**

Rebecca Hamilton, M.D. (District 21) David Stewart, M.D. (District 2)

#### Other District personnel present:

Lindsey Bayer (District 5) Whit Majors (District 14) Tim Crutchfield (District 4)

#### **Guests present:**

Bruce Goldberger, Ph.D. (UF) Dean Register (FDLE) Stacey Price (FDLE) Chenoa Lord (FDLE) Kurt Rockenstein Angie Utz (UMTB Foundation) Leslie Lang (LifeNet) Betty McEntire (American SIDS Institute) Jay Radtke, M.D. (District 14)

Brett Harding (District 5) Chris Boden (District 17) Lisa Flannagan, M.D. (District 2)

Ricardo Camacho (UF) Kathy Ashmore (FDLE) Denise Carrier (FDLE) Craig Rockenstein Lynetta Oxendine (TransLife) Vaughn Thornton (Lions Eye Institute) Laurie Ripp

# A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA.

Ms. Koenig advised the Commission that Dr. Qaiser's attorney, Ms. Shannon Wilson, requested that the minutes be amended to include more detail from Dr. Qaiser's perspective in the McDonough case. Staff made an amendment to page eight of the previously provided minutes, to include the following at the conclusions of the remarks made by Tim McDonough: *Dr. Qaiser submitted a seven page letter dated November 2, 2015 to the Commission. This letter provides detailed information regarding his office's involvement with the McDonough case.* 

#### A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS AMENDED OF THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING.

# **ISSUE NUMBER 1: ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Ms. Koenig asked for nominations for the election of chairman to the Medical Examiners Commission for the 2016 calendar year.

MR. PURDY MADE A MOTION NOMINATING STEPHEN J. NELSON, M.D. AS CHAIRMAN AND SHERIFF BESELER SECONDED.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS.

# A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY ELECTING STEPHEN J. NELSON, M.D. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION.

# **ISSUE NUMBER 2: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

• District Medical Examiner Reappointments – The surveys and assessments for districts 3 (Dixie county), 8, 10, 11, 12, and 13 were sent to the constituents of those districts in January 2016 to obtain feedback on the quality of services provided by the medical examiners in those districts. The results will be presented to the MEC at its May meeting for consideration of the reappointment of the incumbent medical examiners.

• 2015 Interim Drugs in Deceased Persons Report – Ms. Koenig reported that all of the data for the 2015 Interim Drugs in Deceased Persons Report has been received and reviewed by the Quality Assurance Committee. She anticipates that the report will be released in a couple of months.

• Annual Workload Report – Ms. Koenig reminded all medical examiner districts that the data for the 2015 Annual Workload Report is due June 30, 2016, and asked that districts submit their data as soon as it is complete.

• Coverdell Grant Update – Ms. Koenig advised that all of the Coverdell expenditures have been approved, and Memorandums of Understanding for the funds have been distributed; however, none

of the districts have submitted reimbursement requests. Ms. Koenig also said that at this time no Coverdell funds have been set aside for 2016.

• 2016 Legislative Session – Mr. Martin informed the Commission of the following bills of interest that were moving through the 2016 Legislative Session.

House Bill 73 (Rep. Jacobs) / Senate Bill 1182 (Sen. J. Latvala): "Relating to Controlled Substances" This bill amends section 893.03, F.S., relating to controlled substances, and adds mitragynine or 7-hydroxymitragynine, the constituents of Kratom, to the list of controlled substances. It provides for an exception for any drug product approved by the US FDA containing these substances, and penalties. Proposed effective date is October 1, 2016.

**House Bill 161 (Rep. Kerner): "Driving or Boating under the Influence**" This bill specifies that a person with 5 nanograms or more of delta 9-tetrahydrocannabinol per milliliter of blood commits the offense of driving under the influence or boating under the influence. Proposed effective date is October 1, 2016.

**House Bill 315 (Rep. Roberson): "Medical Examiners"** This bill amends section 382.011, F.S., to clarify the circumstances under which a case must be referred to the medical examiner for the determination of cause and manner of death. The bill further amends s. 406.06, F.S., to prohibit a medical examiner or a county from charging a member of the public a fee for any examination, investigation, or autopsy performed pursuant to s. 406.11, F.S., which includes fees charged for cremation approvals. Proposed effective date is October 1, 2016.

**SB 620 (Sen. Grimsley): "Medical Examiners"** This bill amends section 382.011, F.S., to prohibit a district medical examiner or county from charging a member of the public a fee for an examination, investigation or autopsy performed to determine the cause of death pursuant to s. 406.11(1), F.S. The bill allows a county to adopt a resolution or ordinance to charge a medical examiner approval fee not to exceed \$50 when a body is to be cremated, buried at sea or dissected, provided the fee is not charged for a death under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner pursuant to s. 406.11(1)(a), F.S. Proposed effective date is October 1, 2016.

House Bill 4021 (Rep. Vasilinda) / SB 616 (Sen. Bullard): "Cannabis" These bills remove cannabis from the schedule of controlled substances. Proposed effective date is July 1, 2016.

**Senate Bill 174 (Sen. Bean): "Cold Case Task Force"** This bill creates a task force within the Department of Law Enforcement; specifying membership of the task force that includes a forensic pathologist; prescribing duties of the task force; requiring the task force to submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date; providing for expiration of the task force. Proposed effective date is July 1, 2016.

**House Bill 1275 (Rep. Jenne) / Senate Bill 1666 (Sen. Sobel): "Domestic Partnerships"** These bills amend various sections of Florida Statutes to recognize domestic partnerships and include the term domestic partnerships in the definition of legally authorized person in s. 497.005(39), F.S. They afford domestic partners the same rights as other legally authorized next of kin, to include notification of brain death, ability to object to unclaimed remains being used for medical research, and to act as a patient representative.

### **ISSUE NUMBER 3: COVERDELL GRANT PROPOSALS**

Ms. Koenig advised that at this time no funds have been appropriated for 2016. She stated that the Commission still needed to approve the expenditure proposals that have been submitted because, if funding is available, the submission deadlines would occur prior to the next Commission meeting. Discussion was held on the appropriate amounts to approve for each district since it was not know that exact amount of funding the medical examiners would receive.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED to adopt a pro-rata distribution method based on total amount requested to available. After discussion this motion was withdrawn. A proposal was discussed that would ensure each district received their top priorities up to a maximum of \$3,000 per district based on actual funds available.

# A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE THAT WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE 2016 COVERDELL GRANT ENSURING EACH DISTRICT RECEIVED THEIR TOP PRIORITY UP TO \$3,000.

# ISSUE NUMBER 4: DISTRICT 14 APPOINTMENT

Dr. Nelson reported that the Search Committee in District 14 (Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson and Washington counties) had conducted interviews and chose Jay M. Radtke, M.D. for District 14 Medical Examiner.

# A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT JAY M. RADTKE, M.D., BE RECOMMENDED TO THE GOVERNOR FOR APPOINTMENT AS THE DISTRICT 14 MEDICAL EXAMINER.

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 5: ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2015**

Mr. Larry Cochran of LifeQuest presented the 2015 Annual Report for Florida's organ procurement organizations. Mr. Cochran reported that there were no full denials for organs among the district medical examiners, but there was one partial denial for a pancreas and intestines. Mr. Cochran stated that the case involved a child, but he was unsure of the circumstances of the denial, although there was no damage to the organs. The Commission watched a brief video highlighting a Florida case of organ transplantation giving others a second chance at life. Mr. Cochran noted that Florida's organ procurement organizations' relationship with Florida's medical examiners was enviable to other states.

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 6: DISTRICT 18 DISCIPLINARY HEARING**

Dr. Nelson announced that the District 18 disciplinary hearing would be presented at the next Commission meeting. Staff received Dr. Sajid Qaiser's Election of Rights form on February 16<sup>th</sup> and there was not enough time to properly notice a hearing.

### **ISSUE NUMBER 7: DISTRICT 15 DISCIPLINARY HEARING**

Dr. Nelson announced that the District 15 disciplinary hearing would be presented at the next Commission meeting. Staff received Dr. Michael Bell's Election of Rights form on February 16<sup>th</sup> and there was not enough time to properly notice a hearing.

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 8: DISTRICT 21 UPDATE**

District 21 Medical Examiner Rebecca Hamilton, M.D., informed the Commission of her numerous efforts to contact the Sosa family in order to return Alexis Sosa's remains, including multiple signed letters and phone calls with messages. The family has not contacted her to make arrangements. Dr. Hamilton indicated that she would keep the remains indefinitely in the event the family makes contact. The Commission agreed that Dr. Hamilton has done all that she could do to attempt to return the remains.

# A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE COMPLAINT AGAINST DISTRICT 21.

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 9: MASS FATALITY PLANS**

Dr. Nelson reminded everyone that with hurricane season approaching that all districts should check their mass fatality plans to make sure that they are up to date.

#### ISSUE NUMBER 10: DEATH SCENE PHOTOGRAPHS

Dr. Wolf said that she wanted to discuss the issue of crime scene photos being exempted from Chapter 119 public record requests. Dr. Wolf said that she receives numerous requests from defense attorneys who want all records associated with a case, including crime scene photos. She said that in her discussions with other districts that not everyone is interpreting this part of statute consistently and she would like clarification.

After some discussion, staff attorney Jim Martin explained that all photographs are sent to the repository for discovery purposes. Defense attorneys are able to obtain all records, including photographs, during discovery phase of the criminal case.

#### **ISSUE NUMBER 11: UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED INITIATIVE**

Mr. Culbertson informed the Commission that there were no success stories to report this quarter, but that everyone should continue to use the various tools available to them, and to maintain relationships with their local law enforcement agencies.

# **ISSUE NUMBER 12: DRUG REPORT; TRACKING FENTANYL ANALOGUES**

University of Florida Toxicologist Bruce Goldberger, Ph.D., advised the Commission of the recent finding of fentanyl analogs in several deaths in Florida. Dr. Goldberger recommended that the Commission begin tracking these analogs as part of its annual drug report.

# A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT DR. GOLDBERGER'S RECOMMENDATION BEGINNING WITH THE 2016 DRUG REPORT.

# **ISSUE NUMBER 13: 2016 FAME EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE**

Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D. informed everyone in attendance that District 21 Medical Examiner Rebecca Hamilton, M.D. has volunteered to host the next Florida Association of Medical Examiners (FAME) Educational Conference. The conference will be held July 13-15, 2016 at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. They have secured a rate of \$135 per night (no resort fee or parking fee) for the conference. At the conference they are planning to hold a special tribute recognizing Bruce A. Hyma, M.D., for his many contributions to forensic pathology.

# ISSUE NUMBER 11: OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Nelson announced that he had reappointed District 2 Associate Medical Examiner Anthony Clark, M.D., to the Child Abuse Death Review Committee.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

District 8 Reappointment				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
State Attorney's Office 8th Judicial Circuit	Х			
Public Defender's Office 8th Judicial Circuit	Х			
Alachua County Sheriff's Office	X			
Baker County Sheriff's Office	Х			
Bradford County Sheriff's Office	Х			
Gilchrist County Sheriff's Office	Х			
Levy County Sheriff's Office	Х			
Union County Sheriff's Office	Х			
Alachua Board of County Commissioners	X			
Baker County Manager	X			
Bradford County Manager	X			
Gilchrist County Administrator	X			
Levy Board of County Commissioners	Х			
Union Board of County Commissioners	Х			
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Alachua Police Department				<u>X</u>
Cedar Key Police Department				Х
Chiefland Police Department	X			
Gainesville Police Department	Х			v
High Springs Police Department				<u> </u>
Lawtey Police Department	V			Х
Starke Police Department Trenton Police Department	X			
Williston Police Department	X			
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A Jerome Brown Funeral Home				Х
Rick Gooding Funeral Home	Х			~
Archer Tanner Funeral Services	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~			Х
Booker T. Hunt Funeral Home				X
Carnegie Funeral Home				X
Chestnut Funeral Home, Inc				Х
Community Care Melrose Llc				Х
Duncan Brothers Funeral Hm Pa				Х
Ferreira Funeral Services				Х
Forbes Funeral Home				Х
Forest Meadows Funeral Home And Cemeteries Inc-23rd Ave				Х
Forest Meadows Funeral Home And Cemeteries Inc-Main St				Х
Foundation Partners				Х
Fraser-Ferreira Funeral Services				Х
Guerry Funeral Home				Х
Haile Funeral Home				Х
Harry Brown Funeral Directors & Cremation Service Inc				X
Helm-Gallagher Funeral Home & Cremation Services Llc				<u>X</u>
Hiers Funeral Home Inc				<u>X</u>
Hiers Baxley Funeral Services				X
J Hadley Funeral Home Inc				X
Jones-Gallagher Funeral Home Llc Kate Mayberry				X X
Knauff Funeral Home - Chiefland				X
Knauff Funeral Home - Williston				X
Milam Funeral Home Inc	Х			~
Morning Funeral Home				Х
O B Samuel Funeral Home	İ			X
Pinkney-Smith Funeral Home Inc				X
Robert L Walker Sr				Х
Starke Enterprises Llc				Х
V. Todd Ferreira Funeral Services				Х
Washington Funeral Home				Х
Watson Mortuary Services Inc				Х
Williams-Thomas Funeral Home	Х			
Alachua County Medical Society				Х
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Life Quest				Х

Contratual Services for District 3 (Dixie County)					
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response	
State Attorney's Office 3rd Judicial Circuit	Х				
Public Defender's Office 3rd Judicial Circuit				Х	
Dixie County Sheriff's Office	Х				
Dixie County Coordinator	Х				
Cross City Police Department				Х	
Rick Gooding Funeral Homes, Inc.				Х	

District 10 Reappointment					
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response	
State Attorney's Office 10th Judicial Circuit	Х			•	
Public Defender's Office 10th Judicial Circuit	Х				
Hardee County Sheriff's Office	Х				
Highlands County Sheriff's Office	Х				
Polk County Sheriff's Office	Х				
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Hardee County Manager	Х				
Highlands County Administrator	Х				
Polk County Manager	X				
Auburndale Police Department	X			Ň	
Avon Park Police Department	X			Х	
Bartow Police Department	X				
Bowling Green Police Department	X				
Davenport Police Department Haines City Police Department	X				
Lake Alfred Police Department	X	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		
Lake Hamilton Police Department	X				
Lake Placid Police Department	X				
Lake Wales Police Department	X				
Lakeland Police Department	X				
Sebring Police Department	X		1		
Wauchula Police Department	X				
Winter Haven Police Department	X				
A M Seigler Funeral Home	Х				
Alexander Funeral Home				Х	
Brant Funeral Chapel				Х	
Brewer & Sons Funeral Homes & Cremation Svcs				Х	
Carriage Team Florida Funeral				Х	
Central Florida Casket Store & Funeral Chapel				Х	
Chandler Funeral Home Inc				Х	
Charles A Lewis Funeral Home				Х	
Charlow Funeral Home				Х	
CN Robinson Memorial Funeral Home				Х	
Coney Brothers Funeral Home				X	
Crisp-Coon Funeral Homes, Inc.				X	
David-Russell Funeral Home				X	
Dowden Funeral Home				X	
Fountain Funeral Home Inc				X	
Epps Memorial Funeral Home Epps Mortuary Inc.				X	
Foundation Partners of Florida				X	
Fountain Funeral Home Inc				X	
Gause Funeral Home Inc				X	
Gentry Morrison Funeral Home Lakeland	Х			Λ	
Gentry Morrison Funeral Home Beacon Hill	Λ			Х	
H W Oldham Funeral Home				X	
Hancock Funeral Home Inc	Х		1		
Heartland Cremation & Burial Society				Х	
Heath Funeral Chapel				Х	
Holmes Funeral Directors				Х	
James C. Boyd Funeral Home				Х	
Johnell Caver Your Home For Funerals Inc	<u> </u>			Х	
Johnson Funeral Home Inc	1			Х	
Keystone America Inc	1			Х	
Lakeland Funeral Home				Х	
Lanier Funeral Home				X	
Lew Hall & Assoc				X	
Marion Community Funeral Chapel				Х	
Marion Nelson Funeral Home				X	
Mclean Funeral Home				X	
Michael A Brochetti Funeral Home Inc				Х	

District 10 Reappointment (continued)						
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response		
Morris Funeral Chapel				X		
Oak Ridge Funeral Care - Winter Haven				Х		
Ott-Laughlin Funeral Home				Х		
Ponger-Karnes Funeral Home				Х		
Ponger Kays Grady Funeral Home				Х		
Robarts Family Funeral Home Inc				Х		
SCI Funeral Services of Florida				Х		
Steele'S Family Funeral Services	Х					
Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home & Crematory				Х		
Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home Of Avon Park				Х		
Stonemor Florida Subsidiary Llc				Х		
Swann'S Mortuary				Х		
Whidden-Mclean Funeral Home Inc				Х		
Williams Funeral Home				Х		
Highlands County Medical Society				Х		
Polk County Medical Association				Х		
LifeLink	Х					

District 11 Assessment				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
State Attorney's Office 11th Judicial Circuit				X
Public Defender's Office 11th Judicial Circuit	Х			
	X			
Miami-Dade County Mayor	Х			
Aventura Police Department	Х			
Bal Harbour Village Police Department	X			
Bay Harbor Islands Police Department				Х
Biscayne Park Police Department	Х			
Coral Gables Police Department				Х
Doral Police Department	Х			V
El Portal Police Department Florida City Police Department				X
Golden Beach Police Department				X
Hialeah Gardens Police Department				X
Hialeah Police Department				Х
Homestead Police Department				Х
Indian Creek Village Public Safety				X
Key Biscayne Police Department				X
Medley Police Department Miami Beach Police Department	X			Х
Miami Beach Police Department	^			Х
Miami Shores Police Department	Х			~ ~
Miami Springs Police Department	1			Х
Miami-Dade Police Department	Х			
Miami-Dade School Police Department				Х
Miccosukee Police Department				Х
North Bay Village Police Department	X			
North Miami Beach Police Department North Miami Police Department	X			
Opa Locka Police Department	^			Х
South Miami Police Department				X
Sunny Isles Beach Police Department				X
Surfside Police Department	Х			
Sweetwater Police Department				Х
Village of Pinecrest Police Department				Х
Virginia Gardens Police Department	X			Х
West Miami Police Department	Х			
ABO Funeral Services				Х
Alfonso M Richardson Funeral Services Inc				X
Auxiliadora Funeraria Nacional				Х
Bain/Range Funeral Services Pa				Х
Bain'S Funeral Home Inc				X
Bernardo Garcia Funeral Home (Kendall), Inc				X
Bernardo Garcia Funeral Home (Miami) Inc Bernardo Garcia Funeral Home (Westchester)Inc				X
Bernardo Garcia Funeral Home (Westehester)ine				X
Branam Funeral Home				Х
Caballero Rivero Woodlawn Funeral Homes & Cemetery				Х
Carey, Royal, Ramin Mortuary				Х
Carriage Florida Holdings				X
Donaldson Fryar Funeral Home Dudley Edgewater Funeral Chapel				X
Dudley Edgewater Funeral Chaper Dwight D Bootle				× X
Eden Funeral Services				X
Emmanuel Funeral Home				Х
Faith Funeral Home and Services Inc				Х
Ferdinand Funeral Homes LLC				X
Florida Cremations Services LLC				X
Florida Funeral Home & Crematory Funeral Services Acquisition Group Inc				X
Funeral Services Acquisition Group Inc				X
Funeraria Latina Emanuel LLC				X
Funeraria Memorial Plan - Westchester				X
Funeraria Memorial Plan-Coral Gables				Х
Grace Funeral Home - 119 Street, Miami				Х
Grace Funeral Home - 139 Street				X
Hadley Davis Funeral Home - Miami				Х

District 11 Assessment (continued)				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Hadley Davis Funeral Home - Miami Gardens			-	X
Hall Ferguson Hewitt Mortuary				Х
Jay Funeral Home				Х
Jay/Johnson'S Funeral Home				Х
John A Hanks				Х
Joseph Scarano Funeral Home				Х
Lakeside Memorial Park				X
Lithgow-Bennett-Philbrick Funeral Home				X
Lowe-Hanks Funeral Home				X
Mathalie Range Chapel Of Peaceful Rest				X
Manker Funeral Home				X
Maspons Funeral Home Inc - 40 Street, Miami				X
Maspons Funeral Homes - 8th Street, Miami				X
Mitchell Funeral Home				X
Monique & Loriston Community Funeral Home Inc				X
Neptune Management Corp				X
				X
Northstar Funeral Services Of Florida LLC - Miami Beach Northstar Funeral Services Of Florida LLC - N. Miami Beach				X
Palms Woodlawn Funeral Home				X
Paradise Memorial Funeral Home LLC				X
Pax-Villa USA - Homestead				X
Pax-Villa Usa - Miami				X
Pilgrim Rest Funeral Home				X
Pinder Memorial Chapel				X
Poitier Funeral Home, Inc				X
Range Funeral Home				X
Reflexions Funeral Home				X
Richardson Mortuary				Х
Riverside Gordon Memorial Chapels				Х
Riverside Gordon Memorial Chapels At Mount Nebo Kendall				Х
Royal Funeral Service Inc				Х
San Jose Funeral Home				Х
SCI Funeral Services of Florida - Hialeah				Х
SCI Funeral Services of Florida - Miami				Х
SCI Funeral Services of Florida - N. Miami				Х
Southern Memorial Funeral Home				Х
Spence Funeral Home Llc				Х
St Fort'S Funeral Home				Х
Stanfill Funeral Homes Inc				Х
Thompson Funeral Group Inc				Х
Tranquility Funeral Home & Crematorium				Х
Van Orsdel Coral Gables Funeral Chapel				Х
Van Orsdel Kendall Dr Funeral Chapel				Х
Van Orsdel Northside Funeral Chapel				X
Van Orsdel-Salgado Bird Road Funeral Chapel				X
Vior Funeral Home Inc				X
Vista'S Funeral Home Inc				X
We-Gregg L Mason Funeral Home				X
Wright And Young Funeral Home Inc				X
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Dade County Medical Association				Х
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District 12 Reappointment				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
State Attorney's Office 12th Judicial Circuit	Х			
Public Defender's Office 12th Judicial Circuit	Х			
DeSoto County Sheriff's Office				
Manatee County Sheriff's Office	X			
Sarasota County Sheriff's Office	X			
	X			
DeSoto County Administrator	Х			
Manatee County Administrator	Х			
Sarasota County Administrator	Х			
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Arcadia Police Department Bradenton Beach Police Department	Х			X
Bradenton Police Department	X			
Holmes Beach Police Department	Χ			Х
Longboat Key Police Department	Х			
New College of Florida Police Department	Х			
North Port Police Department	Х			
Palmetto Police Department	Х			
Sarasota Police Department	X			
Sarasota-Manatee Airport Authority Police Dept. Venice Police Department	X			
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Abundant Favor Mortuary				Х
Because We Care Cremation & Funeral Home Inc	1			X
Bradenton Funeral Home				Х
Brown & Sons Funeral Home - 26th Street				Х
Brown And Sons Funeral Home - 43rd Street				X
Chandler's Funeral Chapel Covell Funeral Home & Cremation Services				X X
D Alan Moore Licensed Funeral Director				× X
Englewood Community Funeral Home				X
Ewing Funeral Home				Х
Farley Funeral Home Inc - S. Nokomis, Venice				Х
Farley Funeral Home Inc - Center Rd., Venice				X
Farley Funeral Home Inc - Biscayne Dr., N. Port Gendron Funeral & Cremation Services				X
Gloria J Chandler				X X
Grace Funeral Home				X
Griffith-Cline Funeral And Cremation Services Inc				X
Hawkins Funeral Home				Х
Hickson Funeral Home				Х
James A. Mckee Funeral Homes				X
Jennings Funeral Home & Crematory LLC				X X
Jones Funeral Home Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home & Cremation				X
Kicliter Funeral Homes Inc				X
Lemon Bay Funeral Home				Х
Manasota Memorial Funeral Home				Х
Mansion Memorial Park & Funeral Home				X
National Cremation And Burial Society				X
Packer Funeral Home Inc Palms - Robarts Funeral Home & Memorial Park				X X
Paul Schelm Funeral Home	1			× X
Ponger-Kays-Grady Funeral Home	Х			
Robarts Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Arcadia LLC				Х
SCI Funeral Services of Florida				Х
SE Funeral Home of Florida				X
Select Funeral Partners				X
Shannon Funeral Home Town Chapel Shannon Funeral Home Westview Chapel				X X
Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel	1			× X
Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Gulf Gate	1			X
Toale Brothers Funeral Home, South	Х			
Veterans Funeral Home & Cremation				Х
Westside Funeral Home Inc	ļ			X
Wiegand Brothers Funeral Home	I			Х

District 12 Reappointment (continued)				
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response
Manatee County Medical Society				Х
Sarasota County Medical Society				Х
LifeLink	Х			

District 13 Assessment					
	Favorable	Non-Favorable	No Opinion	No Response	
State Attorney's Office 13th Judicial Circuit				Х	
Public Defender's Office 13th Judicial Circuit			Х		
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office	X				
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Hillsborough County Administrator				Х	
Plant City Police Department	Х				
Tampa International Airport Police Department	X				
Tampa Police Department	X				
Temple Terrace Police Department	Х				
Adams & Jennings Funeral Home, Inc.				Х	
Adams & Jennings Funeral Home, Inc.	-			X	
Anderson McQueen Funeral Home				X	
Chapel				X	
Blount & Curry Funeral Home-Carrollwood Chapel				X	
Blount & Curry Funeral Home-Macdill Avenue Chapel	+			<u>х</u>	
Blount, Curry & Roel Fun Homes & Cemeteries				X	
Boza & Roel Funeral Home	+			X	
Brandon Crematory & Funeral Services	1			X	
Brewer & Sons Funeral Homes & Cremation Svs - S. Dale	1		1	X	
Brewer & Sons Funeral Homes & Cremation Svs - Hillsgh				X	
Eastside Funeral Home Inc				X	
Everett-Derr & Anderson Funeral Home, Inc.				X	
Florida Mortuary				Х	
Garden of Memories Funeral Home & Cemetery				Х	
Garden Of Memories, Inc				Х	
Gonzalez Funeral Home				Х	
Guders Funeral Home				Х	
Harmon Funeral Home Inc				Х	
Haught Funeral Home, Inc.				Х	
Hillsboro Memorial Funeral Home, Inc.				Х	
Hopewell Funeral Home, Inc				Х	
ntegrity Funeral Services Inc				Х	
Jackson Funeral Home				Х	
JGR Funeral Services Inc				X	
Loyless Funeral Homes Llc				X	
Macdonald Funeral Home & Cremation Inc	-			<u>X</u>	
Marsicano-B. Marion Reed-Stowers Funeral Home				X	
Neptune Management Corporation				X	
Ray Williams Funeral Home					
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SCI Funeral Services of Florida - Brandon	+				
Segal Funeral Home Beth David Chapel				X	
Serenity Meadows Memorial Park & Funeral Home	+			X	
Southern Funeral Care	1			X	
Stone Memorial Funeral Home	1			X	
Stowers Funeral Home	1		1	X	
Sun City Center Funeral Home	1		1	X	
Sunset Funeral Home	Х				
Swilley Funeral Home & Cremation Service Inc	1		l	Х	
Washington Funeral Chapel				X	
Vells Memorial Funeral Home	Х				
Vilson Brothers Incorporated				Х	
Winslow Honors Funeral Chapel	1			X	
Wolf Funeral Services				X	
Zipperer's Funeral Home				X	
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April 4, 2016

Medical Examiners Commission Florida Department of Law Enforcement P. O. Box 1489 Tallahassee, Florida 32302

Dear Medical Examiners Commission:

Based on the enactment of the Medical Examiner Home Rule Ordinance by the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida on August 4, 2015, Orange County has elected to appoint the vacant District Nine Medical Examiner position. The county began the selection process, per the ordinance, by assembling a selection committee with representatives from law enforcement, legal, funeral home, and local health communities – including those from both Orange and Osceola Counties. The selection committee was approved by the Orange County Board of County Commissioners and met on March 7, 2016 for their first meeting. The Orange County Human Resources Division will be posting the job announcement in the coming days, and will provide administrative support for the selection committee. We will notify you of the selection as soon as it has been made.

Sincerely,

Christopher Hunter, M.D., Ph.D. Director, Health Services Department

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Medical Examiners Commission APPROVED BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AUG 0 4 2015 NP/LC

EFFECTIVE DATE AUG 0 7 2015

# **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-15**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF MEDICAL EXAMINER; PROVIDING PURPOSE AND INTENT; PROVIDING FOR A SELECTION COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF MEDICAL EXAMINER AND ASSOCIATE MEDICAL EXAMINERS; PROVIDING FOR QUALIFICATIONS, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER; PROVIDING FOR REMOVAL AND SUSPENSION OF MEDICAL EXAMINER AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Orange County is a home rule Charter County pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1 of the Florida Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County to adopt ordinances necessary for the exercise of its powers; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 406, Florida Statutes, creates medical examiner districts within the State of Florida and sets forth the procedures for appointment of a District Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 406, Florida Statutes, authorizes the appointment of a Medical Examiner for charter counties by local ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 406.17, Florida Statutes, provides that Medical Examiners established pursuant to the provision of any ordinance enacted by a home rule Charter County shall also serve as the District Medical Examiner under Chapter 406, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Orange County may continue to provide all functions, duties and obligations of the District Medical Examiner set forth in Chapter 406, Florida Statutes and Chapter 11G, Florida Administrative Code, in partnership with a neighboring county by interlocal agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County finds that the local appointment of a Medical Examiner is in the best interest of the citizens of Orange County.

#### BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF

#### **ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA:**

Section 1. Enactment of Medical Examiner Ordinance. The Medical Examiner Ordinance, to be codified in Article VII of the Orange County Code, Section 20-2015 through Section 20-2020, is enacted to read as follows:

#### ARTICLE VII MEDICAL EXAMINER ORDINANCE

#### Sec. 20-2015. Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the local appointment of the Medical Examiner.

#### Sec. 20-2016. Authority.

This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1 of the Florida Constitution, the Orange County Charter, Chapter 125, Florida Statutes and Chapter 406, Florida Statutes.

#### Sec. 20-2017. Selection of Medical Examiner Candidates

(a) In the event of a vacancy or anticipated vacancy in the Office of Medical Examiner, the Mayor shall call for a candidate search committee. The members of the candidate search committee shall be appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by majority approval of the Board of County Commissioners. The search committee may consist of invited representatives from the offices of the state attorney(s), public defender(s), sheriff(s), police chief(s), county commission(s), funeral homes and/or a representative of the local medical community and/or a physician member of the Medical Examiners Commission and, in the case of partnership with a neighboring county by inter-local agreement, invited representatives from that county.

(b) The Mayor shall select a member of the candidate search committee to act as chairman of the committee.

(c) The candidate search committee shall seek applications from interested candidates, establish an interview team and make recommendations to the Mayor.

(d) In making an appointment, the Mayor may seek the assistance of the Medical Examiners Commission.

# Sec. 20-2018. Appointment of the Medical Examiner; Associates.

(a) The Medical Examiner shall be appointed by the Mayor with confirmation by majority approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

(b) To be considered for appointment as the Medical Examiner, a person shall be board certified in forensic pathology and at a minimum meet the professional qualification requirements for district medical examiner candidates set forth in Chapter 406, Florida Statutes and the rules promulgated thereunder.

(c) The term of the appointment shall be for a period of three (3) years. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired portion of the term.

(d) In the event of a vacancy in the Medical Examiner position, the Mayor may appoint a temporary, acting or interim appointee to fill the position until such time as a permanent appointment is made by the Mayor and confirmed by the Board of County Commissioners. A temporary, acting or interim appointee shall at a minimum meet the professional qualification requirements for the district medical examiner candidates set forth in Chapter 406, Florida Statutes and the rules promulgated thereunder.

(e) The Medical Examiner may appoint such Associate Medical Examiners as are reasonably necessary to fulfill the duties set forth herein. Associate Medical Examiners shall serve at the pleasure of the Medical Examiner.

(f) The Medical Examiner and all Associate Medical Examiners are public officers for purposes of Part III of Chapter 112, Florida Statutes and the standards of conduct prescribed therein.

(g) The Medical Examiner shall file an affidavit with the supervisor of elections assuring that associate medical examiners have no conflicting financial interests or clients represented before agencies pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.

#### Sec. 20-2019. Functions and Duties of the Medical Examiner.

(a) The Medical Examiner shall be responsible for the performance of all function, duties and obligations of the District Medical Examiner set forth in Chapter 406, Florida Statutes and Chapter 11G, Florida Administrative Code.

(b) The Medical Examiner shall maintain liaison with associated agencies and news media.

(c) The Medical Examiner shall attend death scenes when requested, and as necessary.

(d) The Medical Examiner and Associate Medical Examiners shall testify in court, give depositions and appear before the Grand Jury, when requested, for criminal trials without additional compensation.

#### Sec. 20-2020. Removal and Suspension.

(a) The Medical Examiner shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

(b) As set forth herein grounds for removal or suspension shall include, but not be limited to:

1. Malfeasances, misfeasance or nonfeasance;

2. Negligence in the handling of the duties and responsibilities of the medical examiner;

3. A conviction, plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a felony; or

4. Removal or suspension through final agency action of the medical examiner's commission, pursuant to Section 406.075 (1), Florida Statutes.

(c) In the event of removal, the Medical Examiner's appointment shall automatically expire upon the effective date of the removal. During any period of suspension, the Mayor may appoint a competent physician to act in his/her stead.

Section 3.

*Effective Date.* This ordinance shall take effect pursuant to general law.

ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_ AUG 0 4 2015 \_\_\_\_, 2015.

# **ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA** By: Board of County Commissioners

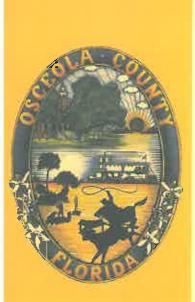
Teresa Jacobs Orange County Mayor By:

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, Orange County Comptroller As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By: <u>Canica More</u> for Deputy Clerk

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Osceola County April 6, 2016

Medical Examiners Commission Florida Department of Law Enforcement P. O. Box 1489 Tallahassee, FL 32302

Dear Medical Examiners Commission:

Based on the enactment of the Medical Examiner Home Rule Ordinance by the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County, Florida on December 14, 2015, the Board has been informed by the Medical Examiners Commission staff through the District Nine Medical Examiner's Office that Osceola County will now become the twenty-fifth district under the Florida Medical Examiners system. As such, the Osceola County Board has elected to continue its partnership with Orange County.

The medical examiner services will be provided by the District Nine Medical Examiner's Office. A representative of our county will also be participating in the selection process for the vacant District Nine Medical Examiner. Once a selection has been made, Orange County Government will notify you of the selection.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely. Donald S. Fisher

**County Manager** 

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# OSCEOLA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA REQUEST

DEPARTMENT:	COUNTY ADMINISTRATION	MEETING DATE:	DECEMBER 14, 2015
<b>DIVISION/OFFICE:</b>	COUNTY MANAGER	MEETING TYPE:	BCC REGULAR
DIRECTOR/MANAGER:	BETH KNIGHT	<b>REQUEST TYPE:</b>	REGULAR

### AGENDA REQUEST

Adoption of Ordinance No. 2015-90, an ordinance of the Osceola Board of County Commissioners, creating Chapter 12 "Health and Human Services, Article III Medical Examiner"; providing purpose and intent, providing for appointment of a local Medical Examiner and Associate Medical Examiners; providing for qualifications, functions and duties of the Medical Examiner; providing for removal and suspension of Medical Examiner; providing for severability; providing for conflict; providing for inclusion in the Code; and providing for an effective date.

Approval and authorization for the County Manager, or designee, to negotiate and sign the interlocal agreement with Orange County regarding the Medical Examiner.

# STRATEGIC PLAN

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

There is no cost associated with this item other than staff time.

Funding for the actual services provided by the Medical Examiner is included in the Adopted Budget.

# **APPROVING DEPARTMENTS**

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- Osceola County finds it in the best interest of its citizens to partner with Orange County to provide Medical Examiner Services and currently contracts with Orange County to provide such.
- At the July 20, 2015 Regular meeting, the Board agreed for the Chairman to sign a letter of support for Orange County to adopt a similar ordinance allowing for selection of a medical examiner at the local level rather than through the State.
- Chapter 406, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 11G, Florida Administrative Code authorizes the appointment of a District Medical Examiner for Charter Counties by local ordinance.
- This will not change our current operational arrangements in which the County's share of costs is based on the number of calls for Medical Examiner Services.
- This Ordinance will provide for the local appointment of the Medical Examiner for a period of three (3) years. Any vacancy shall be for the unexpired portion of the term and establishes the criteria necessary to be considered for appointment as the Medical Examiner; provide duties, functions, removal and suspension of the Medical Examiner and provides for associate medical examiners.
- The Medical Examiner's Office has notified the County that the letter of support was not enough documentation for the Medical Examiner's Commission to grant the Counties permission to select the Medical Examiner. An interlocal agreement and/or ordinance from Osceola County is necessary in order for us to participate in the selection process.

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2015-90**

An Ordinance Of The Osceola County Board Of County Commissioners, Creating Chapter 12 "Health And Human Services, Article III Medical Examiner"; Providing Purpose And Intent; Providing For Appointment Of A Local Medical Examiner And Associate Medical Examiners; Providing For Qualifications, Functions And Duties Of The Medical Examiner; Providing For Removal And Suspension Of Medical Examiner; Providing For Severability; Providing For Conflict; Providing For Inclusion In The Code; And Providing For An Effective Date.

WHEREAS, Osceola County is a home rule Charter County pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1 of the Florida Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 125, Florida Statutes, authorizes the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County to adopt ordinances necessary for the exercise of its powers; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 406, Florida Statutes, creates medical examiner districts within the State of Florida and sets forth the procedures for appointment of a District Medical Examiner; and

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WHEREAS, Section 406.17, Florida Statutes, provides that Medical Examiners established pursuant to the provision of any ordinance enacted by a home rule Charter County shall also serve as the District Medical Examiner under Chapter 406, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Osceola County may continue to provide all functions, duties and obligations of the District Medical Examiner set forth in Chapter 406, Florida Statutes and Chapter 11G, Florida Administrative Code, in partnership with a neighboring county by interlocal agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County finds that the local appointment of a Medical Examiner is in the best interest of the citizens of Osceola County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County, Florida, that:

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 12 "Health and Human Services, Article III Medical Examiner" is hereby adopted as follows:

\* \* \* \* \* \*

# **ARTICLE III. MEDICAL EXAMINER**

#### Sec. 12-87. Purpose and Intent.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the local appointment of the Medical Examiner pursuant to Article VIII, Section 1 of the Florida Constitution, the Osceola County Charter, Chapter 125, Florida Statutes and Chapter 406, Florida Statutes.

#### Sec. 12-88. Medical Examiner Services Through Interlocal Agreement.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, Osceola County may forego local appointment of a medical examiner and instead procure medical examiner services by interlocal agreement with a neighboring County.

#### Sec. 12-89. Appointment of a Local Medical Examiner; Associates.

- (a) The Medical Examiner shall be appointed by the majority approval of the Board of County Commissioners.
- (b) To be considered for appointment as the Medical Examiner, a person shall be board certified in forensic pathology and at a minimum meet the professional qualification requirements for district medical examiner candidates set forth in Chapter 406, Florida Statutes and the rules promulgated thereunder.
- (c) The term of the appointment shall be for a period of three (3) years. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired portion of the term.
- (d) In the event of a vacancy in the Medical Examiner position, the County Manager may appoint a temporary, acting or interim appointee to fill the position until such time as a permanent appointment is made by the Board of County Commissioners. A temporary, acting or interim appointee shall at a minimum meet the professional qualification requirements for the district medical examiner candidates set forth in Chapter 406, Florida Statutes and the rules promulgated thereunder.

- (e) The Medical Examiner may appoint such Associate Medical Examiners as are reasonably necessary to fulfill the duties set forth herein. Associate Medical Examiners shall serve at the pleasure of the Medical Examiner.
- (f) The Medical Examiner and all Associate Medical Examiners are public officers for purposes of Part III of Chapter 112 Florida Statutes and the standards of conduct prescribed therein.
- (g) The Medical Examiner shall file an affidavit with the supervisor of elections assuring that associate medical examiners have no conflicting financial interests or clients represented before agencies pursuant to Section 112.3145, Florida Statutes.

# Sec. 12-90. Functions and Duties of the Medical Examiner.

- (a) The Medical Examiner shall be responsible for the performance of all function, duties and obligations of the District Medical Examiner set for in Chapter 406, Florida Statutes and Chapter 11G, Florida Administrative Code.
- (b) The Medical Examiner shall maintain liaison with associated agencies and news media.
- (c) The Medical Examiner shall attend death scenes when requested, and as necessary.
- (d) The Medical Examiner and Associate Medical Examiners shall testify in court, give depositions and appear before the Grand Jury, when requested, for criminal trials without additional compensation.

# Sec. 12-91. Removal and Suspension.

- (a) The Medical Examiner shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of County Commissioners.
- (b) As set forth herein grounds for removal or suspension shall include, but not be limited to:
  - 1. Malfeasances, misfeasance or nonfeasance;
  - 2. Negligence in the handling of the duties and responsibilities of the medical examiner;
  - 3. A conviction, plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a felony; or
  - 4. Removal or suspension through final agency action of the medical examiner's commission, pursuant to Section 406.075 (1), Florida Statutes.

(c) In the event of removal, the Medical Examiner's appointment shall automatically expire upon the effective date of the removal. During any period of suspension, the County Manager may appoint a competent physician to act in his/her stead.

# SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, sentence, clause, or word of this section is for any reason declared to be unenforceable or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining portions shall not be affected.

### SECTION 3. CONFLICT.

Any ordinance, or part thereof, and/or any resolution, or part thereof, which is in conflict with this Ordinance, is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

# SECTION 4. INCLUSION IN THE CODE.

It is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall be made a part of the Osceola County Code of Ordinances, that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and that the word "ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article" or other appropriate word or phrase necessary to accomplish such intentions.

# SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

A certified copy of this Ordinance shall be filed in the Department of State by the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners within ten (10) days of enactment. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Florida Department of State.

**DULY ADOPTED** in regular session, this 14 day of 000000, 2015.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

was Janer By:

Chairman/Vice Chairman

As authorized for execution at the Board of County Commissioners meeting of:

12-14-15 Ordinance 2015-90



# AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES JOB POSTINGS

#### Job Posting

Job	2202	Application Deadline	5/14/2016
	Chief Medical Examiner		4/15/2016 7:25 AM
Organization Name	District Nine Medical Examiner's Office	Location	Orlando, FL United States Of America
Website Title	Orange County Government (Florida)		
Responsibilities	The Chief Medical Examiner directs the forensic functions of the Medical Examiner Division to provide proper death investigations and to determine accurate causes and manners of deaths. Duties include defining forensic standards for the Medical Examiner Division and establishing policies and procedures to ensure and enforce standardization. The Medical Examiner is also responsible for reviewing all division work for quality and consistency of reports and providing expert witness capabilities to all elements of the criminal justice system as requested or necessary. In addition to the forensic functions, the Medical Examiner directs all of the administrative activities of the office.		
Compensation	Salary Range is \$150,966 - \$265,346 (Starting salary will be based upon the knowledge and experience of the individual selected.) Selected individual will also receive an excellent benefits package including Florida Retirement System participation, a voluntary deferred compensation plan, health, life and disability insurance, and paid personal leave. The county also pays for professional memberships, travel and training, and medical license renewal fees.		
Qualifications	<ul> <li>Graduation from an approved school of medicine and six years of experience as an Associate, Deputy, or Chief Medical Examiner.</li> <li>Must be board certified by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic or Anatomic/Clinical Pathology and Forensic Pathology. Board certification must be maintained as a condition of continued employment.</li> <li>Must be licensed to practice medicine in Florida at the time of appointment, or be able to obtain such license within 90 days of appointment, as required by the Florida Department of Professional Regulations. Florida licensure must be maintained as a condition of continued as a condition.</li> </ul>		
How To Apply	If interested in applying for this outstanding opportunity, please visit our website at www.orangecountyfl.net and follow the prompts to create a profile and apply online. An online application is required for consideration and applications will be screened according to the qualifications outlined above. For online application help please email <u>Online-apps@ocfl.net</u> Link to Apply for a Job and to View Brochure regarding the Job Opening:		
	http://OrangeCountyFL.net/EmploymentVolunteerism.aspx Once on page to apply: Select "Apply for a Job" Once on page to view brochure: Select "Headlines – Chief Medical ExaminerPosition Vacancy"		

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# Chief Medical Examiner-Orange County FL

Orange County Government is seeking a highly effective and results-oriented professional leader to fill t

SALARY/BENEFITS: Salary Range is \$150,966 - \$265,346 (Starting salary will be based upon the knowledg Selected individual will also receive an excellent benefits package including Florida Retirement System pa compensation plan, health, life and disability insurance, and paid personal leave. The county also pays for training, and medical license renewal fees.

# OPENING DATE: 04/14/16

CLOSING DATE: 05/14/16 (This posting is subject to close without notice)

# MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

\* Graduation from an approved school of medicine and six years of experience as an Associate, Deputy, c \* Must be board certified by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic or Anatomic/Clinical Patholog of continued employment.

\* Must be licensed to practice medicine in Florida at the time of appointment, or be able to obtain such li Professional Regulations. Florida licensure must be maintained as a condition of continued employment.

# GENERAL FUNCTIONS:

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### OUR ORGANIZATION:

In 2015, the office conducted 1,293 autopsies and 515 inspections and/or investigations of deaths. The c jurisdiction covers both Orange and Osceola Counties, Florida, encompassing about 2,229 square miles. current building for the office opened in October of 2009, introducing Florida's first, and the country's se Construction certified green morgue. The total facility is just under 35,000 square feet, 5,000 of them en administration building on the premises there is an additional morgue designed for special autopsy situa four morgue coolers that can house over 150 decedents, a large garage bay that connects to angled ram and a secured, backyard perimeter wall. The office is run by the Chief Medical Examiner. Additional persc technicians and eleven administrative personnel. All of the medical examiners are board certified in anate including a forensic anthropologist, odontologist, entomologist, and a neuropathologist. The office also histology work, and the office uses a contracted body transport company to assist with the transportatio

#### HOW TO APPLY:

If interested in applying for this outstanding opportunity, please visit our website at www.orangecountyl application is required for consideration and applications will be screened according to the qualifications

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