



Medical Examiners Commission Meeting

August 4, 2026

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MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING

Sandestin Golf & Beach Resort
9300 Emerald Coast Parkway West
Miramar Beach, Florida 32550
August 4, 2026, 10:00 AM CDT

Opening Remarks

Introduction of Commission Members and Staff

Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes from previous Commission Meeting of May 12, 2026

- Sunshine Law

Natalie Bielby, J.D.

ISSUE NUMBER

PRESENTER

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- Status Update: MEC Appointments and Reappointments
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- 2025 Interim Drugs in Deceased Persons Report
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- 2025 Annual Workload Report
- 2026 Interim Drugs in Deceased Persons Report
- 2025 Coverdell Status Update

Ashley Bullard

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Megan Neel

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Ashley Williams

2. Unidentified Deceased Initiative

Ashley Bullard

3. FDLE Forensic Update

Leigh Clark

4. Emerging Drugs

Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D.

5. Other Business

Barbara C. Wolf, M.D.

The next MEC Meeting will be October 27th at the World Equestrian Center in Ocala, FL.

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MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING

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May 12, 2026, 10:00 AM EST

Commission Chairman Barbara C. Wolf, M.D., called the meeting of the Medical Examiners Commission to order at **10:00 AM**. She 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. She then welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked Commission members and staff members to introduce themselves.

Commission members present:

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Kenneth T. Jones, State Registrar, Department of Health
Robin Giddens Sheppard, L.F.D., Funeral Director (via phone)
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Hon. Amira Fox, J.D., State Attorney, 20th Judicial Circuit

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Paul Petrino (District 15)	Thomas Steinkamp (District 17)
Chrissy Nieten (District 1)	

Guests present:

Steve Outlaw (FDLE, Deputy Director)	Patricia Darrigan (LDSF)
Heather Hensley (LWVI)	Brittany Hill (LifeLink of Florida)
Blake Scott (Florida Department of Health)	

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

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2026, MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING.

ISSUE NUMBER 1: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

- Status Report: MEC Appointments and Reappointments: MEC Staff Manager Ashley Bullard informed the Commission that the MEC County Commissioner chair is still vacant. The MEC received two county commissioner recommendations for the vacant MEC County Commissioner seat, Commissioner Kathleen Peters from Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners and Michael Kohler from Escambia County Board of County Commissioners. Ms. Bullard advised that FDLE will send the recommendations to the Governor's Appointments Office.
- Status Report: DME Appointment and Reappointments: Ms. Bullard informed the Commission that two new district medical examiners have assumed duties. Dr. Webb assumed interim district 8 medical examiner's duties in March 2026, and Dr. Mathis assumed the district 11 medical examiner's duties in fall of 2025. Ms. Bullard also informed the Commission that we are still awaiting appointments and reappointments from the Governor's Appointments Office.
- Status Report: AME Appointments: Ms. Bullard informed the Commission that in order to better comply with Florida Statute and Florida Administrative Code the MEC has developed a new AME form that can be found on the Medical Examiners Commission website. Ms. Bullard stated that the form now requires District Medical Examiner's signature since the Assistant Medical Examiners serve at the District Medical Examiner's pleasure.
- 2025 Interim Drugs in Deceased Persons Report: MEC Staff Megan Neel informed the Commission that the interim drugs in deceased persons report has been completed. Ms. Neel advised that once the report is approved, it will be published.
- 2025 Annual Drugs in Deceased Persons Report: Ms. Megan Neel informed the Commission that that the drug data has been received and is currently being complied.
- 2025 Annual Workload Report: Ms. Megan Neel advised that the deadline for the 2025 Annual Drug Report is May 31, 2026. Ms. Neel again advised if the districts have an issue, to reach out to her.
- 2024 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program Status Update: MEC Staff Ashley Williams informed the Commission that all reimbursement requests have been received. Ms. Williams advised the districts to contact her if reimbursements have not been received by districts.
- 2025 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program Status Update: Ms. Ashley Williams informed the Commission that funds have not been released therefore asked districts to withhold from making purchases until the BJA release funds. Ms. Williams also informed the Commission that moving forward, the districts will be corresponding with FDLE's grants department directly and she will be a liaison.
- 2026 Legislative Update: FDLE Attorney Supervisor Natalie Bielby, J.D., informed the Commission of bills of interest to the Commission and the medical examiner community.
 - SB 188/HB 819- Medical Examiners' Duties: The bill requires medical examiners to document and report certain infant and child autopsy findings to a national registry, with penalties for noncompliance. As of May 2026, both the senate bill and house bill died.

- SB 524/HB849 - Department of Law Enforcement: The bill revises the appointment processes for district medical examiners. As of May 2026, the bill died in returning messages. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) plans to refile the MEC language for the 2027 Legislative Session.
 - SB 258/HB 21- Public Records/Medical: The bill created a new public records exemption protecting the personal information of medical examiners and their families. As of May 2026, the senate bill and the house bill died.
 - SB 54/HB 1519-Use of Substances Affecting Cognitive Function: The bill would require additional autopsy procedures and reporting for violent offenders while establishing new protocols for school safety and law enforcement training related to psychotropic drugs and other intoxicating substances. As of May 2026, the bills died.
 - HB 309/SB 432- Controlled Substances: The bill creates new criminal offenses relating to xylazine and exempts specified xylazine animal drug products from being classified as a Schedule I controlled substance, as long as such products are not for human use. As of May 2026, the bill is enrolled and awaiting the Governor's review.
- Modification of 11G Update: Ms. Bullard informed the Commission the Florida Administrative Code revisions that were previously discussed at the February 17, 2026, MEC meeting will not be moving forward. The FDLE bill with the MEC language did not pass.

ISSUE NUMBER 2: REAPPOINTMENT NOMINATIONS FOR DISTRICT 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, AND 24, WITH ASSESSMENTS FOR DISTRICT 15 AND 17

The Commission reviewed the constituent surveys for the reappointments of district medical examiners in District 16 (Monroe County), District 18 (Brevard County), District 19 (Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, and St. Lucie counties), District 20 (Collier County), District 21 (Glades, Hendry, and Lee counties), District 22 (Charlotte County), District 23 (Flagler, Putnam, and St. Johns counties) and District 24 (Seminole County).

The Commission also reviewed the survey assessments for District 15 (Palm Beach County) and District 17 (Broward County). District 15 and District 17 are home rule districts. With constituents overwhelmingly responding with approval for the district medical examiners in districts 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, and 24, the Commission held a vote for the districts up for reappointment. Dr. Wolf recused herself from the vote for the District 24 medical examiner.

MRS. SHEPPARD MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE REAPPOINTMENTS OF THE INCUMBENT MEDICAL EXAMINERS IN DISTRICTS 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, AND 24, MS. FOX SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE REAPPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS OF DISTRICT 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, AND 24 MEDICAL EXAMINERS BE FORWARDED TO THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENTS OFFICE.

ISSUE NUMBER 3: UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED INITIATIVE

Ms. Ashley Bullard reported the following success stories from District 17.

In June of 1975, a badly decomposed male was found wrapped in a sheet in a remote field in western Broward County. The decedent was the victim of a homicide and all efforts to identify him failed and the case went cold. In December of 2025, a cold case detective with the Broward County Sheriff's Office located a set of fingerprints in their case file and submitted the fingerprints to the crime lab which resulted

in a hit. A positive identification was made of an 18-year-old white male. The decedent was not reported missing and next of kin notification is still pending.

In March of 2026, a special agent with the FBI in Montana reached out to the District 17 Medical Examiner's Office to inquire about a missing person he was investigating. Their missing person was last known to be alive in 2002, when he moved to the South Florida area. A photo and description of their missing person was provided with a note that no DNA was available due to adoption. The medical examiner staff started looking into unidentified cases with similar descriptions and found one case that resembled the missing person. The FBI was able to locate fingerprints on an old arrest for their missing person that was never uploaded into the biometric systems and upon comparison confirmed the identify of the decedent. The next of kin was notified.

In June of 2022, an unidentified male was found deceased on a bus bench in Davie, Florida with no identification. Fingerprints and DNA were entered into the databases with no hits. A sketch was released to the media with no leads. In March of 2026, the District 17 Medical Examiner's Office was reviewing this case and inquired with the Davie Police Department if they had any new facial recognition programs that may be able to assist in this case. The Davie Police Department was able to utilize a new program that generated a lead into the possible identification of the decedent. With this new information, fingerprints were able to be located and compared to the decedent and later matched as a positive identification. The family was located and notified of the death. The decedent was unhoused, estranged from his family, and not reported as a missing person.

ISSUE NUMBER 4: EMERGING DRUGS UPDATE

Bureau Chief Brett Kirkland, Ph.D., provided the Commission with an update on new drug trends on behalf of Bruce Goldberger, Ph.D. The toxicology laboratory directors continue to meet bimonthly. Participants of the meeting also include representatives from the FDLE MEC, Drug Enforcement Administration, Florida Department of Health, Florida Fusion Center, and Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas. The Directors met on April 6, 2026. Toxicology laboratory directors continue to report significant decreases in the prevalence of NPS in decedents including novel benzodiazepines, cathinones, illicitly manufactured fentanyl (IMF), fentanyl analogs, and nitazenes in decedents. The decrease in the prevalence of fatal drug overdoses corresponds to the provisional counts for drug overdose deaths based on a current flow of mortality data in the National Vital Statistics System. Cocaine, fentanyl, and methamphetamine continue to be the predominate substances identified in decedents. Laboratories are closely monitoring the shift of nitazenes to -orphine derivatives, but none have been identified. Other substances of concern are 7-hydroxymitragynine (7-OH), mitragynine pseudoinoxyl (MP), and dihydro-7-hydroxy mitragynine (MGM-15). 7-OH, MP, and MGM-15 are potent mitragynine alkaloids with strong mu-opioid receptor agonist activity. NPS and other substances identified in casework includes alpha-PiHPP (isoPV8), bromazepam, carfentanil, ketamine, methylenedioxymethamphetamine (MDMA), methylfentanyl, N-butyl butylone, and N-sec-butyl butylone. Adulterants identified in the quarterly crime laboratory drug report include BTMPS, medetomidine, metamizole, and xylazine.

ISSUE NUMBER 5: OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Benjamin Mathis, District 11 Medical Examiner informed the Commission of an initiative that the District 11 Medical Examiner's Office has taken on, identifying human remains. Dr. Mathis stated that after the Surfside building collapse, the district 11 medical examiner's office has been working with the FBI in hosting 2 to 3 workshops for Florida regional and southeastern states for fingerprinting of unknown human remains. Dr. Mathis advised that the FBI liaison stated that medical examiners have an ORI with the Z suffix that they can submit to the FBI through NGI's Unidentified Deceased Workflow which would

be facilitated through FDLE after they have exhausted local and FDLE submissions. Dr. Mathis stated that they are trying to move from taking fingerprints with ink to electronic fingerprints but have been encountering issues with FDLE approving the request based on current Florida law. Dr. Mathis stated that because the Florida statute doesn't explicitly mention or include medical examiners in Florida Statute as defined as part of criminal justice, FDLE would not allow access to law enforcement systems until a Florida law change is implemented. Dr. Mathis indicated that the FBI sent out a memo to CJIS Systems Officers (CSO) in all the states informing them that medical examiners and coroners may be permitted to submit electronic fingerprints just for identification with the Z suffix to allow identification. Dr. Mathis just wanted to put it on the MEC's radar.

Dr. Benjamin Mathis, District 11 Medical Examiner also inquired with the Commission on Senate Bill 188. Dr. Mathis advised that with the additional requirements with certain infant and child autopsies, and documentation of vaccinations, it would be beneficial for medical examiners to have access to electronic medical records. Dr. Mathis advised that some of the medical facilities have granted access but asked if the Commission would have legislative influence to see about getting it written into law to mandate medical facilities to provide electronic access to medical examiners. Dr. Catherine Miller, District 15 Medical Examiner advised that her office has been going to medical facilities on an individual basis and gaining access to electronic records. Dr. Miller recommends contacting the medical facilities on individual basis. Dr. Patricia Aronica, District 19 Medical Examiner advised that her office was able to get access to medical facilities in her district by reaching out to the Department of Health. The Department of Health helped coordinate with medical facilities. Dr. Wolf advised that the Medical Examiners Commission would not have much influence and suggest that districts contact medical facilities on an individual basis.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 A.M.