



Medical Examiners Commission Meeting

November 4, 2022

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Madison *2
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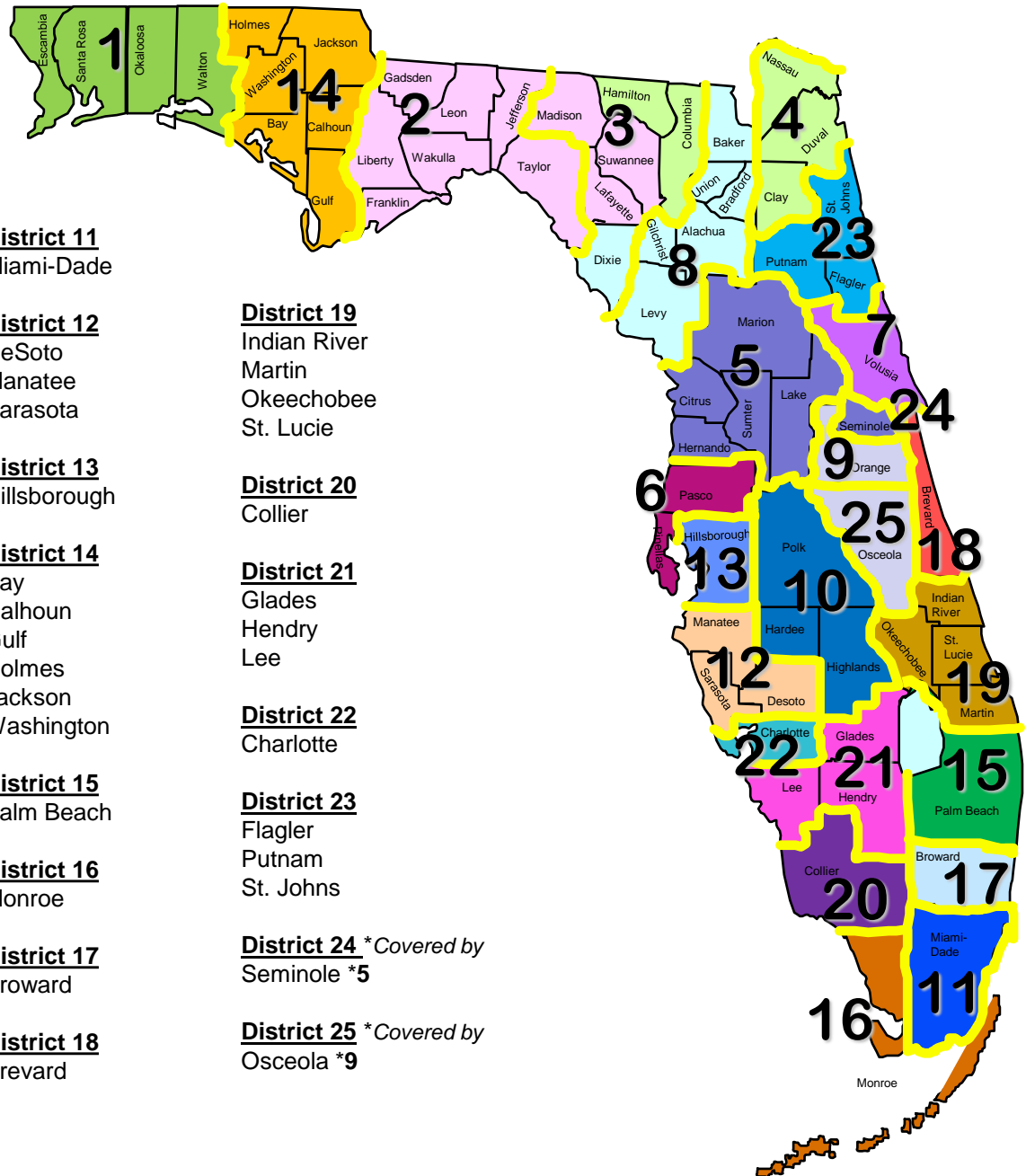
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MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING

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November 4, 2022, 10:00 AM CDT

Opening Remarks

Introduction of Commission Members and Staff

Approval of Meeting Agenda and Minutes from previous Commission Meeting of July 27, 2022

<u>ISSUE NUMBER</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
1. State Attorney Appointment of Interim District 22 Medical Examiner	Stephen J. Nelson, M.D.
2. Informational Items:	
• Obituary: Lee R. Miller, M.D.	Stephen J. Nelson, M.D.
• Status Report: MEC Appointments and Reappointments	Brett Kirkland, Ph.D.
• Status Update: DME Appointments and Reappointments	Brett Kirkland, Ph.D.
• District 2 Medical Examiner Vacancy	Stephen J. Nelson, M.D.
• 2021 Annual Drugs in Deceased Persons Report	Megan Neel
• 2021 Annual Workload Report	Megan Neel
• 2022 Interim Drug Report	Megan Neel
• 2021 Coverdell Status Update	Ashley Williams
3. Nomination for District 8 Medical Examiner	Stephen J. Nelson, M.D.
4. Unidentified Deceased Initiative	Ashley Williams
5. Emerging Drugs	Brett Kirkland, Ph.D.
6. Other Business	Stephen J. Nelson, M.D.
• Resolution for Carol Whitmore	

The next MEC Meeting will be February 18th at the Orlando Lake Marriot in Lake Mary.

MEDICAL EXAMINERS COMMISSION MEETING

Omni Orlando at ChampionsGate
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July 27, 2022 10:00 AM EDT

Commission Chairman Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P., called the meeting of the Medical Examiners Commission to order at **10:06 AM**. 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.

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Hon. Charlie Cofer, J.D., Public Defender, 4th Judicial Circuit

Commission members not present:

Hon. Carol R. Whitmore, R.N., Manatee County Commissioner

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David Winterhalter (District 12)	Lora Kenniff (District 12)
Shawn Walker (District 12)	Patricia Wheaton (District 21)
Melissa Pope (District 13)	Chrissy Nieten (District 1)
Nick Washburn (District 1)	Amy Jones (District 4)
Tera A. Jones, M.D. (District 5 & 24)	Bill Pellan (District 6)
Karla Orozco (District 7)	Daniel Wardman (District 7)
Zo Overton-Hennessy (District 7)	Shanedelle S. Norford, M.D. (District 5)
Natalia Belova, M.D. (District 15)	Ralph Saccone (District 15)
Thomas Steinkamp (District 17)	Sherri Blanton (District 9 & 25)

Guests present:

Jenaye Mack, M.D. (UF Pathology)	Brittany Hill (LifeLink of Florida)
Tinene Alter (NMS Labs)	Nick Cleary (LifeLink of Florida)

Linda McCluskey (LifeLink of Florida)
Richard Howard (LifeQuest)
James Rosa (Lions Eye Institute)
Eric Calhoun (LifeNet)
Amy Wilson (LifeNet)
Phil Roberts (Axis Forensic Toxicology)

Concha Prieto (FL- DOSE DOH)
DiAnn McCormack (CorneaGen)
Chris Poindexter (LifeNet)
Michael Truver (University of Florida)
Joshua Mott (Volusia Sheriff's Office)

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ISSUE NUMBER 1: INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- Commission Chairman Dr. Nelson announced that former District 23 Medical Examiner Predrag Bulic, M.D., passed away on July 23, 2022.
- New District 23 Medical Examiner: Dr. Nelson informed the Commission that State Attorney RJ Larizza appointed Dr. Jon Thogmartin as interim District 23 Medical Examiner and will be responsible for the operation of the office going forward until such time as they're ready for a search committee.
- Commission Chairman Dr. Nelson announced that Dr. Riazul Imami received a proclamation from the Charlotte County Commission honoring Dr. Imami as the medical examiner who has been there since August of 1972. Charlotte County also declared March 22, 2022 as Dr. Imami Day.
- Status Report: MEC Appointment and Reappointments: Bureau Chief Brett Kirkland informed the Commission that the reappointment paperwork for Dr. Stephen J. Nelson, Dr. Barbara C. Wolf, and Mrs. Robin Giddens Sheppard are in the Governor's Appointments Office and they have everything they need for those reappointments. Additionally, the appointment paperwork for the County Commissioner seat as well as the vacant State Attorney and Sheriff seats have been submitted to the Governor's Appointments Office and they have everything they need for the appointments. Dr. Kirkland also informed that a letter has been sent to the Florida Association of Counties listing an additional candidate for consideration along with Commissioner Carol Whitmore, the other candidate who was originally submitted to the governor's office is no longer a county commissioner. We are currently awaiting approvals from the Governor's Appointments Office.
- Status Report: DME Appointments and Reappointments: Mr. Kirkland informed the Commission that all District Medical Examiners are currently pending either appointment or reappointment. The Governor's Appointments Office has stated they have received all necessary paperwork for the appointments and reappointments. We are currently awaiting approvals from the Governor's Appointments Office. Mr. Kirkland advised that he has personally reached out to the Governor's Appointments Office and indicated the need to make these appointments as this is becoming a recruitment and retention issue and there are some medical examiners who are district medical examiners who are years into the process of still being interim medical examiners and conveyed the importance. Dr. Nelson asked that Mr. Kirkland bring the Commission and members up to speed in regards to what the Governor's Appointments Office actions are with the Department of Health. Mr. Kirkland advised that during his conversation with the Governor's Appointments Office, they stated that they were trying to get some additional information from the Department

of Health. Mr. Kirkland advised that he indicated that we were not aware of that additional requirement and staff had already done what they were required to do. The only information he was given was that they were possibly doing it at the request of the Governor. No other information was provided.

- District 2 Medical Examiner Vacancy: Dr. Nelson informed the Commission that the District 2 Medical Examiner Search Committee has had several organizational meetings so far and the 2nd Judicial Circuit has retained Dr. Jon Thogmartin to assist with the search for a new medical examiner. Dr. Stewart has indicated that he wants to retire.
- District 8 Medical Examiner Vacancy: Dr. Nelson informed the commission a search committee has been formed in response to Dr. Hamilton's retirement. The position has been posted on the FAME website. Dr. Nelson advised that they have had a couple of meetings and will keep the commission updated on what's happening with the District 8 Medical Examiner search.
- District 22 Medical Examiner Vacancy: Dr. Wolf informed the commission that, in light of Dr. Imami's retirement, a search committee has been organized and they have had several meetings including another scheduled for that afternoon. Dr. Wolf advised that the position has yet been posted anywhere.
- 2021 Interim Drugs in Deceased Persons Report: Mrs. Megan Neel informed the Commission that data has been received from all districts and sent to the Quality Assurance Committee (QAC). The QAC has returned the data and it has been sent out to all the districts for corrections. Mrs. Neel advised that she is just waiting on the data to get back so that she can start getting the report compiled. Mrs. Neel expressed her gratitude towards Dr. Russell Vega for helping. Dr. Nelson recognized the work that the committee has done in providing accurate information and stated that it is the closes thing to real time data that is provided to multiple entities.
- 2021 Annual MEC Reports: Mrs. Neel informed the Commission that she has received all the data for the Annual Workload Report. Everything starting to be compiled. Mrs. Neel advised that she is just waiting on the final death numbers from Department of Health so that she can start running the report. Mrs. Neel thanked everyone for working with her to move the data submission date up by a month.
- 2021 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program Status Update: Mrs. Ashley Williams reported that there are 16 districts participating in the grant and the allotment total is \$51,440. The awarded packages were emailed to the participating districts on May 17, 2022. Physical copies of the MOUs were mailed by the grant manager to participating districts on May 17, 2022. All participating districts are authorized to purchase items on their expenditure list.
- 2022 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grant Program Status Update: Mrs. Williams reported that solicitation for proposals were mailed out on January 6, 2022. The MEC staff received proposals from 14 districts. The M.E. allotment total is \$50,213. And funds are not expected to be released by the Bureau for Justice Assistance (BJA) until 2023. Mrs. Williams advised not begin purchasing until authorized by staff.
- Postmortem Toxicology Lab Director's Meeting Update: Dr. Goldberg informed the Commission that representatives from the University of Florida, Axis Forensics, NMS Labs, Broward County, Pinellas County, Steward Reference Lab, the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office, Statewide Intelligence Office, and Statewide Prosecutor met virtually on July 21, 2022. Dr. Goldberger said that they had a really good discussion about the state of toxicology in the State of Florida. Dr. Nelson suggested that it would be beneficial to have someone from the Drug Enforcement Administration to participate.

ISSUE NUMBER 2: UNIDENTIFIED DECEASED INITIATIVE

Mrs. Williams reported the following success story from District 15:

Human remains were discovered tied up in the mangroves with a wire to a tree in North Palm Beach by Singer Island in Palm Beach County in 1974. An examination at the time revealed the remains belong to an approximately 14-year old white female. The remains were maintained elsewhere until 2014 when they were turned over to District 15- Palm Beach County Medical Examiner's Office. Mitochondrial DNA samples were obtained and sent into NAMUS. Subsequently the remains were submitted for an osteological exam and a forensic dental evaluation. None of these led to a positive identification at that time.

On March 18, 2022, the Palm Beach County Medical Examiner's Office was advised by the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office that the remains have been identified via DNA as a 17-year-old white female named Susan Gail Poole, DOB: 02/12/1957. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office had been in touch with Poole's family (mother, brother and sister) and they reported she went missing in 1972. Poole's mother provided a DNA standard, which confirmed Poole's identity. Susan Gail Poole was released from the Palm Beach County Medical Examiner's Office on June 2, 2022 via funeral home to Poole's sister, bringing the identification of the case to a close. The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office believes Poole was one of the victims slain by Gerard Schaefer, a police officer who was also a serial killer. Schaefer was stabbed to death in prison in 1995.

ISSUE NUMBER 3: EMERGING DRUGS

Bruce Goldberger, Ph.D., provided the Commission with an update on new drug trends. Fentanyl, nitazenes, designer benzodiazepines, N,N-dimethylpentylone, and xylazines continue to appear in Florida. Dr. Goldberger stated that nitazenes is primarily found in the Pinellas County area of the state. He also advised a new drug has emerged, PiHP, a synthetic cathinone stimulant. There have been no reported deaths related to PiHP intoxication, however PiHP has been found in drug chemistry cases in Broward, Hamilton and Leon counties. Dr. Goldberger informed the commission of a fatal outbreak of drug overdoses in Gadsden County over the July 4th weekend, and awaiting the toxicology to know if the overdoses involved PiHP or just Fentanyl. Dr. Goldberger advised that since PiHP is a cathinone, it should be easily detected during a general toxicology screen unlike nitazenes. Dr. Nelson inquired how nitazenes were being produced. Dr. Goldberger advised that the nitazenes were likely being produced in China and finding its way to the United States for distribution and not being produced in home labs.

The Commission directed staff to work with Dr. Goldberger to develop a list of concerning designer benzodiazepines for potential scheduling on the State's controlled substance list. Commission member Nick Cox agreed to disseminate the list to the Attorney General's Office.

ISSUE NUMBER 4: OTHER BUSINESS

- Dr. Nelson presented former MEC staff member Steven (Chad) Lucas with a signed resolution and read its contents into the record.

WHEREAS, the Medical Examiners Commission was created in 1970 by the passage of Chapter 406, Part I, Florida Statutes, also known as the Medical Examiners Act; and,

WHEREAS, this Commission plays a vital role in support of Florida's criminal justice system, to the families of the deceased in determining the cause and manner of death of their loved ones whose deaths come under the jurisdiction of the medical examiner, and by contributing to the protection of the public health of the citizens of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, the staff which serves the Medical Examiners Commission is housed within and supported by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Steven (Chad) Lucas has served the citizens of Florida for 4 years, and joined the staff of the Medical Examiners Commission in 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lucas's dedication to the Medical Examiners Commission has highlighted the accomplishments of the many district medical examiner offices in their continued efforts to resolve unidentified deceased; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lucas has conducted thorough and insightful investigations into complaints against medical examiners, showing compassion for family members while maintaining the integrity of Florida's medical examiner system; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Lucas has enriched the Medical Examiners Commission and staff with his knowledge and professionalism.

NOW THEREFORE, let it be resolved that this Commission on behalf of Florida's medical examiners, the medical-legal community, and all of the citizens of Florida whom he has served so well, does hereby recognize and commend Mr. Steven (Chad) Lucas for the dedication and valuable service he has offered to the Florida medical examiners system and hopes that he maintains his success in future endeavors.

PASSED AND RECORDED, in the official minutes of the Medical Examiners Commission meeting on this Wednesday, the 27th day of July, 2022, in Orlando, Orange County, Florida.

- Mr. Kirkland requested for official Commission support to develop a proposal to seek funding for the publicly funded toxicology labs using the Attorney General's Opioid settlement money in order to outfit those laboratories with high resolution mass spectrometers or other equipment.

A MOTION WAS MADE, SECONDED, AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY FOR THE COMMISSION TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL TO SEEK FUNDING FOR PUBLICLY FUNDED TOXICOLOGY LABS USING THE OPIOID SETTLEMENT.

Dr. Nelson asked Mr. Kirkland for clarification in regards to the proposal being for publicly funded toxicology labs or all toxicology labs. Mr. Kirkland advised that at this time, he was moving forward with the proposal for publicly funded labs because he does not know if there is access for the for-profit labs. Dr. Nelson asked for further clarification as to a publicly funded county lab verses an independent contracted lab that is publicly funded. Dr. Kirkland informed that those labs would be included in the proposal. Dr. Goldberger advised that there are only 3 toxicology labs that would not be included, two labs outside the state and one within the state that is considered to be for-profit (NMS labs, Axis Forensic Toxicology and Steward Labs).

Mr. Nick Cox informed the Commission that the funds are being controlled by the legislators and the Governor, and is unaware how much is being controlled by the Attorney General. He stated that they may need to reach out to the Governor with the proposal as well. Mr. Cox asked to be abstained from voting since he is sitting on behalf of the Attorney General.

District 1 Medical Examiner Dr. Deanna Oleske asked what percentage of Florida is served by publicly funded labs versus the for-profit labs? Both Dr. Goldberger and Mr. Kirkland stated that they do not have the number. Dr. Oleske also inquired about how districts that use privately funded, for-profit labs would have access to use the equipment obtained by the settlement money. Mr. Kirkland advised that unfortunately he does not have the answer to her question because they are still in the initial stage of finding out whether or not the Opioid Settlement would be a potential funding source. Furthermore, Mr. Kirkland stated that he was seeking approval from the Commission before proceeding with the proposal to the Attorney General's Office.

Mr. Ken Jones amended his original motion to grant Commission Staff permission to pursue the proposal to utilize funding from the Opioid Settlement and then bring back up at a later time for discussion. Dr. Nelson advised that at this time the proposal would be exploratory to see whether or not the Commission could even tap into the Opioid settlement and if so, how much could be garnered and where the money would go.

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- Mr. Nick Cox addressed the Commission on behalf of Edward Tellechea, the Chief of Administrative Law in the Attorney General's Office. Mr. Cox stated that according to Mr. Tellechea, his office has received notice of multiple deaths involving gluteal fat transfers, better known as Brazilian butt lifts. Mr. Cox continued to explain that when these procedures are done, the fat transfer is supposed to go under the skin but not invade the fascia that covers the muscle because otherwise it will immobilize and there have been deaths reported where there has been lung embolism. Mr. Cox explained the concern is a licensing aspect and the Attorney General's Office is running into problems with medical examiners not determining whether or not the fascia was invaded with fat during autopsies. Mr. Cox stated that by determining if the fascia was invaded with fat, they could show cause of death was due to the improper procedure that was performed during the gluteal fat transfer. Mr. Cox stated that Mr. Edward Tellechea request was whether or not the Commission could help in the sense of trying to encourage medical examiners to include this as a part of their examinations.

Dr. Nelson discussed the gluteal fat transfer procedures, advising that the Board of Medicine has a rule that doctors cannot remove more than 1,000 CCs of fat for reinjection anywhere and the issue has been that doctors are reinjecting more fat. Dr. Nelson also stated that Dade County has had two private surgeons that are with the American Board of Plastic Surgery oversight boards and they will travel to autopsies and participate in the autopsy as to how the procedure was done. Dr. Nelson stated that he would like to know more information in regards to what districts are the issues because that has not been his experience with Dade County because they do invite aforementioned surgeons into the morgue when those cases occur to provide their technical expertise to the autopsy pathologist. Dr. Nelson advised that the Commission could certainly reach out the surgeons to see if they would be interested or willing to travel to other districts to provide assistance in the autopsies when the cases occur.

Mr. Cox stated that Mr. Tellechea would contact Dr. Nelson to provide more details in regards to the issues and if there is any action that the Commission could take. Mr. Charlie Cofer advised that once more information was gathered, that this request might be something more amendable to an educational issue.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 A.M.

LEE MILLER OBITUARY

MILLER, Lee R. M.D. born on Shelton Court, Rockville Centre, Feb. 23, 1937 to Dr. Henry I. and May (Gans) Miller, passed away peacefully at home, Sept. 21, 2022 in Lutz, FL. on the autumnal equinox. A graduate of South Side High School, the University of Michigan and NYU School of Medicine, and trained as a forensic pathologist, he was, for many years the pipe-smoking medical examiner for the city of Tampa. He will be missed by his colleagues for his wry sense of humor and dry wit, by his life-long friends, some dating back to kindergarten, and by cousins, Barbara and Ellen Gans. He will be especially, and sorely, missed by his brother, Sandy (Samuel L. Miller, M.D.).

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September 27, 2022

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Chairman, Medical Examiners Commission
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Dear Dr. Nelson:

Pursuant to your letter of April 15 appointing me as the Chair of the District 8 Medical Examiner Search Committee (hereinafter "the Committee"), this letter is to inform you that the District 8 Medical Examiner Search Committee has conducted and concluded the required search for candidates for the District 8 Medical Examiner. The District 8 Medical Examiner Search Committee hereby nominates Dr. Thomas Coyne, M.D. to the State of Florida Medical Examiner Commission for submission to the Governor for appointment as the next District 8 Medical Examiner.

Following your appointment, I empaneled the Committee with members from the University of Florida Medical School, including the Dean, the applicable Sheriffs, the Public Defender, the appropriate Board of County Commissioners, other representatives from the law enforcement community, and members of the funeral services community. The Committee held multiple appropriately noticed public meetings. The Committee sought applicants who are licensed physicians and experienced practitioners of pathology per the Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 11G-5.004. To that end, the Committee issued a solicitation through multiple sources for applicants for this position. Following that solicitation, the Committee established an interview team of greater than 3 participants which included myself, the Public Defender, members of law enforcement, staff from the University of Florida's Department of Medicine, including the Dean of the University of Florida's Medical School, and representatives from the funeral and mortuary services community.

At the conclusion of the search period of more than 30 days, the Committee received one application from Dr. Thomas Coyne, M.D. The Committee members sought comment from county medical associations, employment references, local hospitals, government agencies and funeral homes with which Dr. Coyne had a prior working relationship including information on work performance and working relationships, as well as Dr. Coyne's reasons for and

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October 18, 2022

Dr. Thomas Coyne, M.D.
3217 SW 47th Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32608

Via Electronic Mail and United States Mail

IN RE: APPOINTMENT AS INTERIM MEDICAL EXAMINER

Dear. Dr. Coyne.

Pursuant to the authority granted to me in Florida Statute §406.15 as State Attorney of the 8th Judicial Circuit of Florida, with jurisdiction over Alachua County, I hereby appoint you as Interim Medical Examiner for District 8 effective October 17, 2022. You succeed Dr. Hamilton who retired effective October 17, 2022.

I want to thank you for your tremendous service. I know you will continue to serve us well as Interim District 8 Medical Examiner. This appointment will remain in effect until a new District 8 Medical Examiner is appointed.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Governor Ron DeSantis
The Honorable Mark W. Moseley
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circumstances of leaving employment. The University of Florida Police Department conducted an appropriate criminal background check of Dr. Coyne. That background check failed to reveal any matter of concern to the Committee.

The Committee interviewed the sole applicant for the position, Dr. Thomas Coyne, M.D. Prior to the interview, the Committee provided a copy of the contract between the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, the University of Florida, and the District 8 Medical Examiner to Dr. Coyne for his review. In addition, Dr. Coyne was provided a copy of the current budget for the District 8 Medical Examiner. During the interview, Dr. Coyne received questions regarding the sufficiency of the budget and general acceptability of the arrangement of contractual services between the University of Florida, the BOCC, and the District 8 Medical Examiner's Office. Dr. Coyne represented to the committee that he agrees with both the contract and the budget. Following the interview, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to the State of Florida Medical Examiners Commission that the Governor of the State of Florida appoint Dr. Coyne as the next District 8 Medical Examiner upon the resignation of Dr. William Hamilton.

Please find included with this letter pertinent correspondence regarding Dr. Coyne; results of background inquiries; letters of reference; and a letter from Dr. Coyne to the Commission staff authorizing the release of information from former employers and the Board of Medicine in the state in which Dr. Coyne is or was licensed.

I am honored that you chose me to conduct this important work. Please do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything further that you need.

Most Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Brian S. Kramer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Brian S. Kramer, State Attorney, 8th Judicial Circuit

Attachments: Dr Coyne Documents for Submission.pdf

CC: See the Attached List.

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A.S. Chemistry – 1997

Rutgers, the State University of NJ
New Brunswick, NJ
B.A. Psychology – 1999

Graduate School:

Rutgers, the State University of NJ
Piscataway, NJ
Ph.D. Toxicology – 2006

Medical School:

UMDNJ - Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Piscataway, NJ
M.D. - 2009

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING:

Residency:

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA
Anatomic and Clinical Pathology – 2009-2010

UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
New Brunswick, NJ
Anatomic Pathology – 2010-2011

Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, PA
Anatomic and Neuropathology – 2011-2013

Fellowship:

Miami-Dade Medical Examiner Department
Miami, FL
Forensic Pathology – 2013-20

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Associate Medical Examiner/ Clinical Associate Professor	District 8, State of Florida/ University of Florida July 2022 – present
Associate Medical Examiner	District 14, State of Florida March 2022 – May 2022
Deputy Chief Medical Examiner	District 21, State of Florida January 2018 – February 2022
Associate Medical Examiner	District 21, State of Florida July 2014 – December 2017

BOARD CERTIFICATION:

National Board of Medical Examiners	2010
American Board of Pathology Anatomic Pathology	2013
American Board of Pathology Neuropathology	2013
American Board of Pathology Forensic Pathology	2014

MEDICAL LICENSURE

Florida Medical License - ME115262	2013-present
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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

Society for Neuroscience
Society of Toxicology
International Society for Stem Cell Research
Alpha Omega Alpha (current)
Gold Humanism Honor Society (current)
American Medical Association
American Medical Student Association
College of American Pathologists
American Academy of Forensic Sciences (current)
American Association of Neuropathologists (current)
Florida Association of Medical Examiners (current)
National Association of Medical Examiners (current)

MAJOR TEACHING AND CLINICAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

Guest Instructor, Advanced Injury/Death Investigation Class
SWFL Public Safety Academy – 2018 to present

Guest Instructor, Pretrial Litigation Class
University of Miami- October 2013

Instructor, Pathophysiology course
UMDNJ – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School - 2010-2011

Instructor, Mechanisms of Disease Transmission and Therapeutic Interventions course
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine – 2009-2010

Lecturer, Annual Mini-Med Symposium
UMDNJ – Robert Wood Johnson Medical School – 2007-2009

Teaching assistantship, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology
Rutgers, the State University of NJ – 2000-2002

SPECIALIZED TRAINING:

Police Medicolegal Death Investigation Workshop
Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department – July 2013

Bugs, Bones and Botany (Forensic Entomology, Anthropology and Botany) Workshop
University of Florida, Ocala, FL – September 2013

International Forensic Photography Workshop
Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner Department – October 2013

APPOINTMENTS:

Editorial Board Member, Journal of Forensic Sciences

President Elect, the Florida Association of Medical Examiners

GUEST LECTURES:

42nd Annual Educational Conference of the Florida Association of Medical Examiners,
Daytona Beach, FL – July 2015
Presentations: "Cannabis-Induced Psychosis" and "Unexpected Findings from the Brain
Bank (Prion Diseases)"

43rd Annual Educational Conference of the Florida Association of Medical Examiners,
Naples, FL – July 2016
Presentations: "Traumatic Brain Injury: From Concussion to CTE" and "What's Phase I Got
to do With It?"

45th Annual Educational Conference of the Florida Association of Medical Examiners,
Howey-in-the-Hills, FL – July 2018
Presentation: "Synthetic Cannabinoids as a Cause of Death...?"

46th Annual Educational Conference of the Florida Association of Medical Examiners, Palm Beach, FL – July 2019

Presentation: "Respirator Brain: Trash or Treasure...?"

47th Annual Educational Conference of the Florida Association of Medical Examiners, Orlando, FL – August 2021

Presentation: "Unexpected Concussive Trauma: CTE as an Acute Cause of Death"

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BACKGROUND MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2022

TO: Major Bart Knowles

FROM: Nicholas M. Vellis,
Background Investigator,
Criminal Investigations Division

SUBJECT: Pre-Employment Background Investigation (Criminal and Driving History),
Dr. Thomas Mazur Coyne, Medical Examiner applicant

PERSONAL:

District Eight Medical Examiner applicant Dr. Thomas Mazur Coyne resides at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] He can be reached by email at
[REDACTED] or coyne@ufl.edu. Dr. Coyne affiliates as an MD-Pathology-
Medical Examiner UFID: 51656502.

MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATION:

Dr. Coyne has a valid Class E Florida driver's license, number [REDACTED] with no
restrictions. The license was issued on July 9, 2022. It expires on [REDACTED] 2030.
[REDACTED]

LEGAL:

On August 9, 2022, criminal record inquiries were initiated with the Gainesville Police Department, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, the Lee County Sheriff's Office, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office, the Miami-Dade Police Department, the Punta Gorda Police Department, the Toms River, NJ Police Department, the South Toms River Police Department, the Stafford Township Police Department, and the Ocean County New Jersey Prosecutor's Office. An additional inquiry was initiated with the Pinellas County Clerk of Court and the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office to confirm or deny data obtained from the Comprehensive Case Information System inquiry.

The Ft. Myers Police Department provided a summary of cases where the applicant was mentioned as the Medical Examiner in each case. There were no reports where the applicant was a suspect or victim.

To date, responses have not been received from the Lee County Sheriff's Office and the Miami-Dade Police Department. Their replies will be added to the background file when received.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Comprehensive Case Information System inquiry on August 15, 2022, confirmed the traffic citation data listed above. An entry for a trespass arrest for a Thomas M Coyne was determined not to be the applicant when the arrestee's date of birth was found to be different from that of the applicant.

[REDACTED]

An inquiry of the University of Florida Police Department Records Management system revealed the applicant has had no contact with the University of Florida Police Department.

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State of Florida Medical Examiners Commission

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April 15, 2022

Hon. Brian S. Kramer, J.D.
State Attorney
8th Judicial Circuit of Florida
120 West University Avenue
Gainesville, FL 32601

Dear Mr. Kramer:

I enjoyed talking with you on the phone last month and getting caught up now that you've moved from defense work to prosecution.

As you know, William F. Hamilton, M.D. the District 8 Medical Examiner, plans to retire at the end of this year. Dr. Hamilton's position is a gubernatorial appointment, in addition to being a full time faculty member of the Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Florida's College of Medicine.

As we discussed on the telephone, the establishment of a District Medical Examiner Search Committee is defined by Florida Administrative Code, Chapter 11G-5.004. Section 11G-5.004(3)(b) provides for me, the Medical Examiners Commission Chairman, to appoint a chairman of the District 8 Medical Examiner Search Committee. Thank you for agreeing to fill that important role. I will serve as the Medical Examiners Commission representative on this Search Committee.

The Medical Examiners Commission and the staff in Tallahassee stand ready to assist you in any way we can. Rule 11G-5.004(3), Florida Administrative Code, delineates the process to be followed in this matter. Additionally, there is a Search Committee Procedures Manual that is posted on the Medical Examiners Commission's website at <http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/MEC/Publications-and-Forms> that establishes the necessary participatory membership of this Search Committee.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me in my Winter Haven office (863-298-4600) or Chad Lucas at the Medical Examiners Commission in Tallahassee at (850) 410-8609. Thank you for your interest and efforts in this most important search. I look forward to working with you again.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Nelson", is written over the "Sincerely yours," text.

Stephen J. Nelson, M.A., M.D., F.C.A.P.
Chairman, Medical Examiners Commission

SJN:bk

cc: Jennifer Hunt, M.D., M.Ed. (sent via email only to: JenniferHunt@ufl.edu)
Chair, Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine
University of Florida College of Medicine



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PLEASE REPLY TO:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The District Eight Medical Examiner Search Committee will convene on May 23, 2022 beginning at 2:00 P.M. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Eighth Judicial Circuit Office of the State Attorney, 120 West University Ave, Gainesville Florida, 32601.

July 20, 2022

Brian S. Kramer, State Attorney
Eighth Judicial Circuit
Office of the State Attorney
120 West University Ave
Gainesville, FL 32601

Re: Forensic Medicine Division Chief - Chief Medical Examiner position

Dear Mr. Kramer,

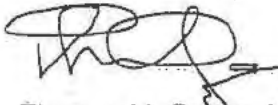
My name is Thomas M. Coyne, and I am the current Associate Medical Examiner for the Office of the District 8 Medical Examiner and Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Florida. I am writing to convey my interest in the position of Chief Medical Examiner for the Office of the District 8 Medical Examiner. With over 9 years of experience in forensic pathology working in Philadelphia, Miami, and Fort Myers, and 4 years of experience in office management as a Deputy Chief, I believe I am an excellent candidate for this position.

I graduated from Rutgers University with a Bachelor's of Arts in 1999. I went on to earn my Ph.D. in Toxicology and Pharmacology from Rutgers University in 2006. My focus was in the area of neurotoxicology with extensive research involving models of brain and spinal cord injury. Concurrent with graduate training in Toxicology, I also completed a medical degree (M.D.) from Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (Rutgers University, 2009). After medical school I completed a residency in Anatomic Pathology and fellowship in Neuropathology at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (UPENN) and Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). Lastly, I finished a fellowship in forensic pathology at the Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office in 2014. Following my forensic pathology fellowship, I was hired as an Associate Medical Examiner at the District 21 Medical Examiner's Office in Fort Myers. On January 1, 2018, I was promoted to Deputy Chief Medical Examiner. In addition to my medical examiner duties, I serve as a consultant neuropathologist for multiple Florida District Medical Examiner Offices.

Over the past 9 years I have completed well over 2000 autopsies and 750 brain examinations, and I have testified and been deposed in numerous cases as an expert in forensic pathology, neuropathology, and toxicology. The 4 years as Deputy Chief Medical Examiner provided invaluable experience in management serving as the supervisor of medicolegal death investigators, morgue technicians, and associate medical examiners. I am also proud of the excellent working relationship I established with various state attorney offices, law enforcement agencies, fire and rescue agencies, and regional university and local hospitals. Lastly, public outreach and education are passions of mine, and I have provided numerous didactic sessions to local hospitals, hospice agencies, law enforcement agencies, and visiting student and citizen tour groups.

I understand the position of District Medical Examiner will be a joint appointment with the University of Florida Department of Pathology, Immunology and Laboratory Medicine. Indeed, I was recently hired as a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Pathology, where in addition to my medical examiner duties, I will provide coverage of both hospital and outreach autopsies, and help mentor/instruct Pathology residents. A promotion to District Medical Examiner would represent an incredible opportunity to continue bridging the gap between the Pathology Department and the Medical Examiner Office. Education, research, and publication have always been passions of mine. These are some of the most important pursuits in the career of a physician-scientist. It would be an honor to continue these endeavors through the joint appointment. Thank you for your time and consideration in reviewing my application.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Coyne, M.D., Ph.D.
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THOMAS MAZUR COYNE

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License Original Issue Date	02/25/2013
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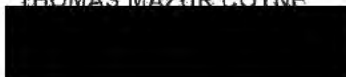
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THOMAS MAZUR COYNE



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April 26, 2022

Dr. Bruce Goldberger
Chief, Division of Forensic Medicine
University of Florida

REF: Thomas Coyne, MD, PhD

Dear Dr. Goldberger:

I take the greatest pleasure writing in support of Dr. Thomas Coyne, who is under consideration for the position of Chief Medical Examiner of the District 8 Medical Examiner's Office. Tom is an extraordinarily qualified candidate and an exceptional forensic pathologist. He has my very highest recommendation.

By way of brief introduction, I am Professor of Pharmacology & Toxicology and director of the molecular pathology laboratory at Rutgers University. I have known Tom for more than 20 years. I was director of the Rutgers-Joint Graduate Program in Toxicology (JGPT) when he was a PhD student in the Program and served on his doctoral research committee. I worked closely with him on several of his research projects and have gained an appreciation of his many talents as a physician and scientist.

I first met Tom when he was an undergraduate in the Rutgers Department of Psychology. His then mentor, the late Dr. Thomas Walsh, alerted me that he had this amazing young student and that I should recruit him into the JGPT. I met with Tom and was immediately impressed by his intelligence, work ethic and modesty. He matriculated into the Toxicology Program and immediately set the standard by which students were measured. His performance was outstanding; he showed particular dominance in two critical areas: biochemical toxicology and pathology. He was a student in my Toxicological Pathology course, a slide-based diagnostic requirement of the JGPT, and he was the best student I've had in 30+ years of teaching.

As Tom completed his 4th year of thesis work, he came to the attention of the late Dr. Ira Black, a world-recognized physician-neuroscientist. With Dr. Black's strong encouragement, Tom applied to medical school and was immediately accepted to the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He began his medical coursework while completing his PhD studies, which focused on neuronal stem cell and neuronal transplantation. Publications from his doctoral thesis work are still highly cited in the literature. His performance in medical school was similarly stellar and he



graduated AOA in 2009. He received training in Anatomic Pathology from the University of Pennsylvania and the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Neuropathology from the University of Pennsylvania, and Forensic Pathology during a fellowship at the Miami Dade Medical Examiner Department. Tom is Board Certified in AP, Neuropathology and Forensic Pathology—exceptional credentials for his proposed position.

I will not reiterate his subsequent career in Florida, other than to state that he is a highly respected forensic pathologist and consultant neuropathologist. He has a strong academic bent and has performed superb service to the University of Miami Brain Endowment Bank and on the Editorial Board Member for the Journal of Forensic Sciences. He is a superb speaker and advocate for forensic sciences.

In summary, Tom is an exceptional individual: highly trained, exceptionally smart, hard-working and his integrity is unimpeachable. He had a dry sense of humor and retains the modesty and humility that I first saw in him more than two decades ago. He inspires trust and radiates competency. I recommend him to you enthusiastically and with my highest level of support.

If there is any additional information I can provide, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,



Kenneth R. Reuhl, Ph.D., DABT
Professor of Pharmacology & Toxicology
Director, Molecular Pathology Facility Core

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April 26, 2022

Bruce A. Goldberger, Ph.D.
Chief, Forensic Medicine Division
UF Health Pathology Laboratories
4800 SW 35th Drive
Gainesville, FL 32608

Dear Dr. Goldberger:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of Dr. Thomas Coyne to become your Chief Medical Examiner in District Eight. In my role as State Attorney, I have had the privilege of working with Dr. Coyne on high profile cases on several occasions and have been tremendously impressed with his intelligence and skill. I have been working in criminal justice for over 30 years and I can truly say Dr. Coyne is among the best in his field.

Dr. Coyne is always extremely professional and knowledgeable and can successfully impart his knowledge to attorneys and jurors. Thus, he is a favorite of our homicide Assistant State Attorneys. He is always willing to go above and beyond in providing assistance, patiently explaining scientific and medical terms and concepts that can be very difficult to grasp. His expertise on brain damage and brain injury is invaluable and has frequently helped us obtain successful outcomes.

I was extremely sorry to see Dr. Coyne leave Southwest Florida, but I am delighted to see he will hopefully still be assisting others in Florida. He is truly exceptional, and I recommend him without reservation.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance in your vetting process.

Sincerely,

Amira D. Fox
State Attorney

ADF/cal

cc: Brian Kramer, State Attorney
Office of the State Attorney – Eighth Judicial Circuit

Ricardo Camacho, Operations Director
Office of the Medical Examiner District Eight

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To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to recommend Thomas Coyne for the position of Chief Medical Examiner at District 8 Medical Examiner's Office. I have known Tom for two and a half years, and we worked together for the majority of that time at the District 21 Medical Examiner's Office. Not only was he an excellent mentor, but he also became a close personal friend. His vast knowledge in not just forensics, but neuropathology and toxicology as well, will make him an invaluable addition to your team.

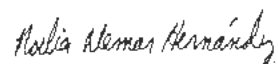
In addition to his professional qualifications, Tom has personal qualities that make him well-suited to leadership. During our time working together he assumed the role of 'point person' that many of us would go to with questions. More often than not he could give you the answer or know the proper course of action to take off the top of his head, which is why we would sometimes jokingly refer to him as a walking encyclopedia. And he was never afraid to admit it when he did not know the answer. He would even go the extra mile and take the time to research it with you in order to find the answer and learn together. He's committed to quality, growth, and progress, and he inspires other team members to strive for the same.

Tom is well qualified for this opportunity because he is a confident and fair leader. He was always compassionate and generous towards his coworkers. There were many instances in which one of the other doctors, myself included, was overwhelmed with cases and he never hesitated to come back and help out without expecting anything in return.

Tom is easily approachable and a pleasure to work with. He was always cracking jokes and doing silly things that made everyone laugh and helped lighten everyone's day. He is fun, easy to get along with, and eager to help. His personality is just an added bonus to his many other qualifications.

Tom has my highest recommendation for the position of Chief Medical Examiner with District 8. Please feel free to contact me for any further information. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,



Noelia Alemar Hernández, M.D.



23 April 2022

Bruce Goldberger, PhD.

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Ricardo Camacho – District 8 Medical Examiner's Office Operations Manager

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Re.: Dr. Thomas Coyne, M.D., Ph.D.

Dear Mr. Goldberger & Mr. Camacho,

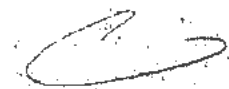
I first met Dr. Coyne by and through the State Attorney's Office nine (9) years ago. To date, he has been and remains an invaluable consult in pathology, forensic pathology, neuropathology, toxicology and a friend. It saddens me to write this, as our loss is your gain. As such, I can recommend, without equivocation, that Tom is an ideal candidate for position as a chief medical examiner and head of the division of forensic medicine. I am confident that with his intelligence, character, motivation, patience, and unrelenting desire to perform, a "chief medical examiner" position is the next logical step.

Tom has an inherent desire to be the best person he can be in anything he puts his mind to. As a medical examiner, I found that he possesses a myriad of traits, skills, and abilities that dovetail well with a chief medical examiner and head of the division of forensic medicine position. These include: 1) To analyze, evaluate, clarify, and interpret various situations; 2) To organize, synthesize, conceptualize, and coordinate details; 3) To advise, counsel, and explain; 4) To research and consult; 5) To plan, and develop sound strategy that comports with medical certainties; 6) To instruct; and 7) an uncompromising standard of personal and professional ethics. Furthermore, based upon my repeated contacts with Tom and the many homicide cases we have consulted over the years, I can say that many people from the State Attorney's Office, defense counsel, and law enforcement communities have the utmost respect for Tom and his work.

Tom's ability to focus his talents towards something he truly has a passion for and believes in has always brought forth the energy, knowledge, and commitment that are characteristically common in any task Tom confronts. Unquestionably, Tom would bring this same dedication and personal standard to District 8 medical examiner's office.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. In the interim, I remain

Sincerely,



Andreas H. Gardiner
Assistant State Attorney Twentieth Judicial Circuit- Homicide Division
2000 Main Street
Fort Myers, Florida 33901
Tel: 239-533-1330

The American Board of Pathology

Herewith affirms that

Thomas M. Coyne, M.D.

*Has pursued an accepted course of graduate study and clinical work and
has demonstrated proficiency to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees.*

Therefore, on this seventeenth day of September, 2013,

The American Board of Pathology
*grants this certificate and declares the above physician
to be a Diplomate and certified in*
Pathology - Anatomic

Neuropathology



[Signature]

President

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Karen Kaul

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Vice President

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David F. Klein

[Signature]

Secretary

[Signature]

James R. Stuhls

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Treasurer

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St. George

The American Board of Pathology

Herewith affirms that

Thomas Mazur Coyne

*Has pursued an accepted course of graduate study and clinical work and
has demonstrated proficiency to the satisfaction of the Board of Trustees.*

Therefore on this third day of September, 2014,

The American Board of Pathology
*grants this certificate and declares the above physician
to be a Diplomate and certified in*

Pathology - Forensic



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Certificate Valid Through 12/31/2024

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

On recommendation of the faculty of the
Rutgers College

The Board of Governors confers upon

Thomas Mazur Coyne

the degree of

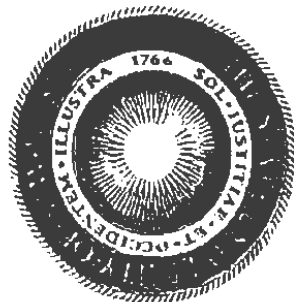
Bachelor of Arts

With Honors

with all the rights, responsibilities, privileges, and immunities appertaining thereto.

Granted under the seal of the university on the
nineteenth day of May, nineteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Carl Kirschner
Dean



Frank L. Lawrence
President

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
and the
University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

On recommendation of the faculties of the

Graduate School-New Brunswick
and

UMDNJ-Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

The Board of Governors of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, and the Board
of Trustees of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey jointly confer upon

Thomas Mazur Coyne
the degree of

Doctor of Philosophy

with all the rights, responsibilities, privileges, and immunities appertaining thereto.

Granted under the seals of both universities on the

first day of October, two thousand and six.



Richard L. McCormick
President

Jolie A. Givovic
Dean

Bruce M. ...
President

Nancy Brezenoff
Dean



University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey

Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Be it known that upon the recommendation of the Faculty and by the authority of the Board of Trustees, the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey hereby confers upon

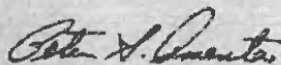
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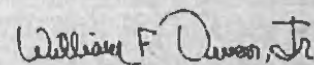
Doctor of Medicine

with all the rights and privileges thereto.

In witness whereof we have hereunto affixed our signatures and the seal of the University in the State of New Jersey this twentieth day of May, 2009.


Dean




President of the University

Attachment "A"
MEDICAL EXAMINER District 8 Budget
Effective October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023

Operating Cost Fixed Expenses FY 22-23				Total
Salaries and Benefits			\$	734,100
Salary offset ¹ (Pro Fees reimbursed to UF for Salaries)			\$	(182,000)
Contractual Services Facilities (Records storage, Biohazard)			\$	35,000
Repairs and Maintenance (Equipment, vehicles)			\$	10,000
Data Processing (Internet and back up)			\$	15,000
Operating Supplies (Autopsy and Office)			\$	75,000
Rent			\$	312,000
Printing & Reproduction			\$	3,000
Insurance, Liability and Auto			\$	9,500
Telephone, Postage, & Freight			\$	4,000
Travel/Meetings (Work Related/CME/CEU Requirements)			\$	12,500
Dues, Subscriptions, Library			\$	1,000
Miscellaneous (Utilities, Fuel)			\$	42,000
Administration Fee ²			\$	92,500
Capital Expenses			\$	-
Net Operating Cost Expense				\$ 1,163,600

Entity	2021 Year Actual	% of Caseload	Annual Assessment	Monthly Assessment
Alachua	536	62.8%	\$ 730,740.84	\$ 60,895.07
Baker	35	4.1%	\$ 47,707.56	\$ 3,975.63
Bradford	25	2.9%	\$ 33,744.36	\$ 2,812.03
Dixie	40	4.7%	\$ 54,689.16	\$ 4,557.43
Gilchrist	29	3.4%	\$ 39,562.44	\$ 3,296.87
Levy	84	9.8%	\$ 114,032.76	\$ 9,502.73
Union	14	1.6%	\$ 18,617.64	\$ 1,551.47
Dept of Corrections ³	91	10.7%	\$ 124,505.16	\$ 10,375.43
Total	854	100.00%	\$ 1,163,599.92	\$ 96,966.66
			<i>Rounding Adjustment</i>	<i>\$ 0.08</i>
Operating Cost Total Validation Check			\$ 1,163,600.00	\$ 96,966.67
Non-Corrections case average per month:				64
Avg. Operating Cost Per Case:				\$ 1,361.85
DOC ALL	85	100.00%	\$ 124,505.16	\$ 10,375.43
Total	85	100.00%	\$ 124,505.16	\$ 10,375.43
			<i>Rounding Adjustment</i>	<i>\$ -</i>
DOC Assessment Total Validation Check			\$ 124,505.16	
Corrections case average per month:				7
Avg. Operating Cost Per Case:				\$ 1,464.77

Expense Total Budget Estimator				FY 21-22
District 8 Operating Cost Assessment Total				\$ 1,163,600
Professional Services	Cases Estimate			
(Variable per case)	Fee ⁴		Total	\$ 1,110,940
Autopsy	\$ 800	613	\$ 490,400	To UF for Drs
External Examination	\$ 250	226	\$ 56,500	To UF for Drs
Investigative Only Report	\$ 175	15	\$ 2,625	To UF for Drs
Investigation (All Cases)	\$ 175	854	\$ 149,450	To UF for Drs
			\$ -	To UF for On-Call
Toxicology - routine	\$ 190	835	\$ 158,650	To UF/DRL
Histology - routine	\$ 175	835	\$ 146,125	To UF/DRL
Cremation Approval	\$ 30	3,573	\$ 107,190	To UF for Processing
Total Budget				\$ 2,274,540
Typical Total Cost per case				\$ 2,663

Note¹ Offset by UF for staff pathologists

Note² Administration Fee of 5% includes Human Resources, Purchasing and Financial Services

Note³ DOC operating expense portion included in fixed fee per case contract

Note⁴ Professional fees are itemized in Attachment "C"

ATTACHMENT "B"

FY 22-23

INSURANCE REQUIRED

- A. Professional Liability – Coverage must be afforded, under an “occurrence” form policy or “claims made” form, in limits not less than \$500,000. It is required that Professional Liability Insurance coverage be provided for all acts and omissions that occur during the term of the agreement. If this coverage is written on a claims made form, proof of extended reporting period coverage is required.

- B. The District Medical Examiner shall provide a Certificate of Insurance to the County with a sixty (60) day notice of cancellation.

ATTACHMENT "C"
FY 22-23

Variable Expense Fee List	
Professional Fees:	
Complete Autopsy	\$ 800.00
External Examination Only	\$ 250.00
Report of Investigation	\$ 175.00
Expert Witness Fee per Hour (see note 1)	\$ 300.00
Technical Fees (see note 2):	
Tissue Preparation for Microscopic exam (routine case)	\$ 175.00
Toxicology Laboratory (routine testing)	\$ 190.00
Cremation Fee	\$ 30.00
Body Transport by ATS or Investigators for Homicide/Suspicious Death	\$ 190.00
Notes:	
(1) No charges will incur for pre-trial consultation on criminal cases in 8th Judicial Circuit	
(2) Costs for transportation of human remains, special lab tests, special toxicology followup testing, radiology, odontology, anthropology, and specialized consultations uncommonly required will be billed per case as charges are received and paid by the Medical Examiner Office.	

**FOURTH AMENDMENT TO
THREE-PARTY AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ALACHUA COUNTY
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES
AND
WILLIAM F. HAMILTON, M.D.
FOR DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER SERVICES,
UNIVERSITY PHYSICIAN SUPPORT SERVICES,
UNIVERSITY NON-PHYSICIAN SUPPORT
SERVICES AND FACILITY USE**

THE THREE-PARTY AGREEMENT ("Agreement"), made and entered into the 1st day of October, 2017 ("Effective Date"), by and among **Alachua County**, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the "County", and **THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD OF TRUSTEES**, hereinafter referred to as "University", **FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY, IMMUNOLOGY AND LABORATORY MEDICINE, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA**, and **WILLIAM F. HAMILTON, M.D.**, hereinafter referred to as the "District Medical Examiner", is hereby amended effective the 1st day of October, 2021 by this **Fourth Amendment**, and the parties heretofore named agree as follows:

1. **Section 3** of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new **Section 3** to read:

3. **Term of Agreement.** This Agreement shall commence on the Effective Date and remain in full force and effect through September 30, 2022, unless first terminated or amended by the parties as provided herein.

2. **Section 8** of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with a new **Section 8** to read:

8. **Annual Budget.** No later than July 1, 2022, the District Medical Examiner, with the assistance of UNIVERSITY, shall submit to the Board of County Commissioners of County an annual budget for the next ensuing fiscal year October 1, through September 30. The District Medical Examiner's budget for Fiscal Year 2021/2022 as submitted to County is attached to this Agreement as **Attachment A** and is incorporated herein by this reference.

3. **Section 10** of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and a new **Section 10** is established to read as follows:

10. **Compensation by County.** **THE DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER EXPRESSLY RECOGNIZES THAT ALL FEES AND COMPENSATION PAID TO UNIVERSITY PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION CONSTITUTE THE ENTIRE OBLIGATION OF THE COUNTY, AND FURTHER, NEITHER THE DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER, NOR ANY MEMBER OF HIS STAFF, WILL RECEIVE COMPENSATION DIRECTLY FROM THE COUNTY FOR SERVICES PURSUANT TO THIS AGREEMENT.** As compensation for the District Medical Examiner's services and UNIVERSITY's Faculty Physician support services, non-physician support personnel services and for facility usage, the County shall pay UNIVERSITY an annual amount equal to Six

Hundred Eighty Thousand Three Hundred Eight Dollars and Forty-Four Cents (\$680,308.44). Payment shall be made to UNIVERSITY in twelve (12) equal monthly installments of the sum of Fifty-Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars and Thirty-Seven Cents (\$56,692.37), the first of which shall be paid forty-five (45) days after the commencement of the term of this Agreement. In addition, the County shall separately pay UNIVERSITY for autopsy and related services in accordance with the fee schedule attached hereto as Attachment C. UNIVERSITY shall provide County with a detailed monthly invoice indicating all autopsies performed up to the date of the invoice. A copy of the death certificate for each autopsy will be provided with the invoice. After review, and if properly supported, County shall pay invoiced fees within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the invoice. All invoices shall be sent directly to:

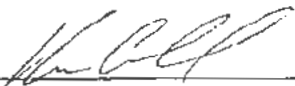
**Community Support Services Director
Alachua County Department of Community Support Services
218 SE 24th Street
Gainesville, FL 32641**

4. Attachment A to the Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the revised version of Attachment A that is attached to this Fourth Amendment and is hereby incorporated into the Agreement by reference.
5. Attachment B to the Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the revised version of Attachment B that is attached to this Fourth Amendment and is hereby incorporated into the Agreement by reference.
6. Attachment C to the Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the revised version of Attachment C that is attached to this Fourth Amendment and is hereby incorporated into the Agreement by reference.
7. In the event of a conflict between the terms of the Agreement and this Fourth Amendment, the terms of this Fourth Amendment shall control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Fourth Amendment to be executed for the uses and purposes therein expressed on the day and year first above-written.

ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA BOARD
OF TRUSTEES, FOR THE BENEFIT OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY,
IMMUNOLOGY AND LABORATORY
MEDICINE, COLLEGE OF MEDICINE,
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

By:  9/14/2021
Date


Name: _____
Chair **Ken Cornell**
Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Colleen G. Koch, M.D., M.S., M.B.A. Date
Dean, College of Medicine
University of Florida

ATTEST

DISTRICT MEDICAL EXAMINER

By:  9/15/2021
Alachua County Clerk Date

By:  19 AUG 2021
William F. Hamilton, M.D. Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM

DocuSigned by:

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Alachua County Attorney's Office Date

UF #618278

Attachment "A"

MEDICAL EXAMINER District 8 Budget
Effective October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

Operating Cost Fixed Expenses FY 21-22				Total
Salaries and Benefits			\$	731,629
Salary offset ¹ (Pro Fees reimbursed to UF for Salaries)			\$	(267,010)
Contractual Services Facilities (Records storage, Biohazard)			\$	35,000
Repairs and Maintenance (Equipment, vehicles)			\$	5,000
Data Processing (Internet and back up)			\$	12,500
Operating Supplies (Autopsy and Office)			\$	65,000
Rent			\$	307,390
Printing & Reproduction			\$	3,000
Insurance, Liability and Auto			\$	9,500
Telephone, Postage, & Freight			\$	4,000
Travel/Meetings (Work Related/CME/CEU Requirements)			\$	10,000
Dues, Subscriptions, Library			\$	500
Miscellaneous (Utilities, Fuel)			\$	40,000
Administration Fee ²			\$	96,600
Capital Expenses			\$	-
Net Operating Cost Expense				\$ 1,053,109

Entity	2020 Year Actual	% of Caseload	Annual Assessment	Monthly Assessment
Alachua	591	64.6%	\$ 680,308.44	\$ 56,692.37
Baker	35	3.8%	\$ 40,018.20	\$ 3,334.85
Bradford	44	4.8%	\$ 50,549.28	\$ 4,212.44
Dixie	28	3.1%	\$ 32,646.36	\$ 2,720.53
Gilchrist	17	1.9%	\$ 20,009.04	\$ 1,667.42
Levy	53	5.8%	\$ 61,080.36	\$ 5,090.03
Union	13	1.4%	\$ 14,743.56	\$ 1,228.63
Dept of Corrections ³	133	14.6%	\$ 153,753.96	\$ 12,812.83
Total	914	100.00%	\$ 1,053,109.20	\$ 87,759.10
Rounding Adjustment				\$ (0.20)
Operating Cost Total Validation Check				\$ 1,053,109.00
Non-Corrections case average per month:				65
Avg. Operating Cost Per Case:				\$ 1,151.54
DOC ALL	133	100.00%	\$ 153,753.96	\$ 12,812.83
Total	133	100.00%	\$ 153,753.96	\$ 12,812.83
Rounding Adjustment				\$ -
DOC Assessment Total Validation Check				\$ 153,753.96
Corrections case average per month:				11
Avg. Operating Cost Per Case:				\$ 1,156.04

Expense Total Budget Estimator				FY 20-21
District 8 Operating Cost Assessment Total				\$ 1,053,109
Professional Services	Cases Estimate			
(Variable per case)	Fee ⁴		Total	\$ 1,023,210
Autopsy	\$ 775	607	\$ 470,425	To UF for Drs
External Examination	\$ 225	187	\$ 42,075	To UF for Drs
Investigative Report	\$ 150	120	\$ 18,000	To UF for Drs
Investigation (All Cases)	\$ 150	914	\$ 137,100	To UF for Drs
Tech Autopsy Fee	\$ 100	607	\$ 60,700	To UF for On-Call
Toxicology	\$ 180	607	\$ 109,260	To UF/DRL
Histology	\$ 175	607	\$ 106,225	To UF/DRL
Cremation Approval	\$ 25	3,177	\$ 79,425	To UF for Processing
Total Budget				\$ 2,076,319
Typical Total Cost per case				\$ 2,272

Note¹ Autopsy, Exam, Invest, Tech & Cremation fees are reimbursed for cases by UF staff pathologists

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Note³ DOC operating expense portion included in new fixed fee per case contract

Note⁴ Professional fees are itemized in Attachment "C"

ATTACHMENT "B"
FY 21-22

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ATTACHMENT "C"

FY 21-22

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Florida Department of
Law Enforcement

**AUTHORITY FOR RELEASE
OF INFORMATION
(Background Investigation Waiver)**

Incorporated by Reference in Rule 11B-27.0022(2)(a), F.A.C.



**CJSTC
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To: Concerned Person or Authorized
Representative of Any Organization,
Institution or Repository of Records

APPLICANT'S NAME: Thomas M. Coyne

DATE OF BIRTH: [REDACTED]

LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: [REDACTED]

AGENCY REQUESTING BACKGROUND INFORMATION: University of Florida Police Department

ADDRESS: [REDACTED]

Having made application for certification or employment as a law enforcement, correctional, or correctional probation officer within the state of Florida, I hereby authorize for one year, from the date of execution hereof, any authorized representative of a Florida criminal justice agency or a Regional Criminal Justice Selection Center bearing this release to obtain any information pertaining to my employment, credit history, education, residence, academic achievement, personal information, work performance, background investigations, polygraph examinations, any and all internal affairs investigations or disciplinary records, including any files that are deemed to be confidential and/or sealed.

I also authorize release of any criminal justice records of arrests, citations, detentions, probation and parole records, or any police reports or other police records in which I may be named for any reason, including any files that are deemed to be juvenile and confidential. I hereby direct you to release this information upon the request of the bearer, whether in person or by correspondence. I further authorize the bearer to make copies of these records.

This release is executed with the full knowledge and understanding that these records and information are for the official use of a Florida criminal justice agency or Regional Criminal Justice Selection Center in fulfilling official responsibilities, which may include sharing the records or information with other criminal justice agencies, Regional Criminal Justice Selection Centers or the State of Florida or release to third parties as may be required by Florida public records laws. I hereby release you, as the custodian of such records, and employer, educational institution, physician, hospital or other repository of medical records, credit bureau or consumer reporting agency, including its officers, employees, and related personnel, both individually and collectively, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind, which may at any time result to me, my heirs, family or associates because of compliance with this authorization and request to release information, or any attempt to comply with it. A copy of this form will be as effective as the original.

I hereby authorize the National Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, or other custodian of my military record to release information or copies from my military personnel and related medical records, including a copy of my DD 214, Report of Separation, or other official documents from the United States Military denoting discharge status or current active military status to:

Section 768.095, F.S., titled Employer Immunity from Liability; disclosure of information regarding former or current employees states: An employer who discloses information about a former or current employee to a prospective employer of the former or current employee upon request of the prospective employer or of the former or current employee, is immune from civil liability for such disclosure of its consequences, unless it is shown by clear and convincing evidence that the information disclosed by the former or current employer was knowingly false or violated any civil right of the former or current employee protected under chapter 760, Florida Statutes. Pursuant to Sections 943.134(2)(a) and (4), F.S., Chapter 2001-94, Laws of Florida, disclosure of information is required unless contrary to state or federal law. Civil penalties may be available for refusal to disclose non-privileged legally obtainable information.

Applicant's Signature [REDACTED]

8/9/2022

Date

Applicant's Address [REDACTED]

OATH

Pursuant to Section 117.05(13)(a), Florida Statutes

STATE OF Florida

COUNTY OF Alachua

Sworn to (or affirmed) and subscribed before me by means of ☒ Physical Presence OR ☐ Online Notarization this 9th

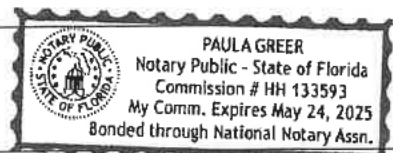
day of August, year 2022 By Paula Greer

Signature of Notary Public - State of Florida

Print, Type, or Stamp Commissioned name of Notary Public

Personally Known ☒ OR Produced Identification ☐

Type of Identification Produced Drivers License



Effective: 8/9/2001 Pursuant to
Sections 943.134(2)(a) and (4), F.S.
Oath amended pursuant to Section 117.05(13)(a), F.S., effective 1/1/2020

Original - Employing Agency

1 of 1

Commission-Approved Revisions: 12/16/10
Form Effective Date: 3/2013