

Minutes of meeting of June 12, 2025 meeting

The meeting convened at 9:33 a.m.

Participating in the meeting were Daniel Renstrom, DESPP-Forensic Lab; Megan Olt, DESPP-Forensic Lab; Mandy Young, DESPP-Forensic Lab; Elizabeth Tugie, Department of Correction; Robert Meredith, OCPD; Lisamaria Proscino, Office of the Attorney General; Susan Levesque, Judicial; Michael Aiello, Judicial; and Michael Gailor, Division of Criminal Justice.

The minutes of the meeting on March 11, 2025 were unanimously approved.

The lab reported that as of June 1, 2025, a total of 139,339 convicted offender samples have been submitted to the lab; 773 between March 1, 2025 and May 31, 2025. Of these samples, approximately 7678 were determined to be duplicate submissions. One hundred thirty two thousand two hundred thirty-two are searching in CODIS. Approximately 198 convicted offender samples are waiting to be processed/entered into CODIS. There are approximately 26,909 profiles in the Forensic Index. The lab reported that 12,482 investigations have been aided so far by 13,329 confirmed hits. Approximately 95 candidate matches are under evaluation. The average time it takes to send out notification of the hit once it has been obtained is 10 days.

Representatives from the Sex Offender Registry Unit were not present but reported that 65 new offenders to the sex offender registry and 190 new offenders were added to the deadly weapon registry between January 2025 and March 2025. The unit obtained 16 biological samples from sex offenders for the purpose of developing a DNA profile and 9 samples from persons on the deadly weapon registry.

The Department of Correction reported it has collected 700 samples in the year to date, 406 since the last Oversight Committee Meeting on March 11, 2024. DOC also reported that 81 collections are pending and that 55 inmates have refused to provide a sample.

The Judicial Department reported that from January through March 2025, it sent out 256 initial and 115 warning letters in probation cases. It noted it sent out 49 initial and 20 warning letters in non-probation cases. Judicial sent 20 memos to DOC asking them to collect a sample and 14 requests for arrest warrants to the State Police. It also indicated it had received 8 requests under the Interstate Compact to take samples. In total, Judicial collected 273 samples.

The Committee discussed what to do with profiles in the data bank that were mistakenly taken from persons without qualifying convictions and, if they were removed from the data bank, whether new samples could be taken. The matter will be further discussed at subsequent meetings.

In order to accommodate the Judicial Department, the meetings in September and December were moved to September 11, 2025 and December 11, 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.