



UNIFIED FORENSIC LAB

Board of Directors Meeting of the Unified Forensic Laboratory

January 28, 2026

2:00 pm - close

Members

AC Sheriff Tyler Brown (V) – Chair	AC Sheriff Darren Weekly (V) – Vice Chair	Aurora Chief of Police Todd Chamberlain (V) – Secretary	18th Jud. District Attorney Amy Padden(V)
Alternate Bureau Chief Mike McIntosh	Alternate – Chief Ken McClem	Alternate Dep. Chief Mark Hildebrand	Alternate - ADA Ryan Brackley
Aurora -Mayor Mike Coffman, (V)	AC Commissioner Jeff Baker, (V)	DC Commissioner , Kevin Van Winkle (V)	Lab Director Kimberly Morrow (NV)

<i>BOARD MEMBERS</i>	
P	Todd Chamberlain, Chief, Aurora Police – (V)
P	Mark Hildebrand, Division Chief, Aurora Police, Alternate
P	Darren Weekly, Sheriff, DCSO – <i>Chair (V)</i>
A	Jason Kennedy, Undersheriff Alternate for Sheriff Weekly (V)
P	Tyler Brown, Sheriff, Arapahoe County – Vice Chair (V)
P	Ken McKlem, Chief, Alternate for Sheriff Brown (V)
P	Amy Padden, DA 18th Judicial District (V)
A	ADA Ryan Brackley, Assistant DA 18th Judicial District, Alternate (V)
P	Mike Coffman, Mayor, City of Aurora (V)
P	Jeff Baker, Commissioner, Arapahoe County (V)
A	Jessica Campbell, Commissioner, Arapahoe County, Alternate (V)
P	Kevin Van Winkle, Commissioner, Douglas County (V)
P	Kim Morrow, UFL Director, Arapahoe County (NV)
P	Ashley Hernandez-Schlagel, Attorney of Record for UFL (NV)

P=Present A=Absent

<i>ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES</i>
Wendy Wales, UFL/APD
Tracey Montao, UFL/DCSO Deputy Director
Celina Oropezo, UFL/APD Deputy Director
Dan McMillan, Commander DCSO
Brian Murphy Lt. DCSO
Marc Paolino, Cmdr. APD
Shane Williams, UFL/DCSO

John Schneebeck Finance Manager APD
Dan Avery, Douglas County
Chanel Ewing, UFL/APD
Olivia Kassie, UFL/APD
John Schneebeck, APD
Kelsey Peters, UFL/APD
Kiana Valenti, UFL/ACSO
Sonja Ormsbee DCSO
Mike Gilbert UFL/DCSO
Jeremy Nesvold, Captain, ACSO
Mara Nelson, APD
Danelle Carrel, APD
Chandra Tammaro, UFL/ACSO
Darcy Kofol, ADA, 23 Judicial District
Olga Fajaros, ACSO
Amanda High, UFL/ACSO

1. Call to order:

The meeting was called to order by Sheriff Weekly at 2:05 pm.

2. Roll call / Confirm Quorum: A roll call was conducted by Sheriff Brown. We have a quorum.

3. Approval of minutes: A request to approve the minutes from October 22nd meeting was made by Sheriff Brown, 1st by Chief Chamberlain, 2nd Commissioner Baker, with no further comment the minutes were approved.

4. 2025 Summary – Director Morrow

For the 1st meeting of the new year, Director Morrow put together a very brief summary of each discipline within the lab. Copies of the summary can be found in the Board Members’ packets.

One of the major projects we completed as a Laboratory was a major data retention project. It was implemented as a response to some of the concerns that came out of CBI in which there were demonstrated alterations to data after the review process. The lab, with the help of Aurora IT, implemented automated backups of our instruments. These instruments were already being backed up but now they are being backed up to a secure location that can only be accessed by a few select individuals in emergency situations for the purpose of restoration. This project was a major undertaking.

All the security groups within the laboratory were also updated, this will stop any inadvertent alteration of data. We implemented much more significant security measures through the laboratory to make sure there is no alternation of data, intentionally or unintentionally.

We determined with the help of the Consortium we had no standardization for offense categorization. Consortium meetings have allowed us to determine the category of offences we want to use which then allows us to make sure we are pulling the highest tier case, for example a homicide over the

corresponding drug charge for cases that have multiple offenses. Previously, we pulled the first offense the detective had selected, now we can pull the best data on the cases we are working on.

Quarter 4, we implemented monthly training for investigative units. Trainings will continue into 2026, there has been a great response. The Consortium has done a great job of getting information to the agencies regarding trainings.

- **Case Prioritization** – these are requests we received for prioritization.

6 requests for the Chemistry Unit. 1 request from 6 different agencies.

45 requests in Forensic Biology and DNA.

18 requests for Firearms (All involved major crimes, COCA cases, pattern crimes or multijurisdictional crimes).

19 requests for Latent Prints for cases pulled out of order.

- **Open Priority Cases**

1 case for Chemistry (in progress)

5 pending in Biology (assigned and in progress)

2 Firearms examinations (both are in progress and associated to pattern crimes)

14 NIBIN lead confirmations

2 Latent Print cases

- **Highlights of 2025**

- **Chemistry**

Chemistry Unit was able to validate a “new to us” instrument.

Chemistry implemented a new workflow and documentation process. It is more efficient for our analysts and easier to read for our customers. They transitioned to a paperless workflow.

Chemistry saw their 1st case of carfentanyl.

Director Morrow directed the Board to their handouts for case turnaround times and cases released numbers to go through at their convenience.

- **Firearms**

Firearms have been extremely busy. They have onboarded and signed off an examiner for casework. She came from out of state with lots of experience with our workflows, making an easy transition.

Firearms increased efficiency of tracking our reference collection. This task was an accreditation requirement. It was a team project, taking a lot of time but the collection is now easily trackable with automation, barcodes and a simple solution.

Our lab is the 1st in the entire country 1st to use the Cadre Top Match 3D Imaging System for NIBIN triage,. It creates digital images so when NIBIN confirmations come in, we have already imaged everything allowing our examiners to start working. This system saves rehandling the evidence and saves time. Additionally, we are one of the first in the nation to use the imaging for case work. Recently we have noticed a dramatic drop in the time it takes to perform firearms examination on cartridge cases. They have been helping various labs across the country by sharing their knowledge.

Our Technical Leader, Omar Felix was voted AFTE member of the year. This is an extremely high honor.

Firearms released 291 NIBIN cases.

- **Latent Prints**

317 requests for exams, 15 requests for Ten Print, 150 for processing, over 100 were drop everything cases to clear them to go into NIBIN.

We had 3 examiners obtain certification in Latent Print Examination through IAI.

2 new examiners completed their training giving the Laboratory 6 fully trained Latent Print Examiners.

2 examiners are being cross trained, and we will have everyone signed off in all parts of Latent Print Examination.

The lab hosted an advanced training class for Latent Prints with a world-renowned instructor.

Latent Prints had 3 examiners voted into the Rocky Mountain Division of the IAI as president, executive secretary and board member.

- **DNA**

The DNA Unit has completed lots of projects and mandatory items that needed to be implemented. They are focusing on data retention, validation, and retention.

The COSAK project (mandatory sex offense tracking log) was implemented over the summer. It still requires manual assistance to be completed. Director Morrow and our Evidence Technician took on the responsibility for completing the data entry on behalf of the analysts.

Director Morrow authorized another CODIS examiner to keep up with the workload. With advancing technology and more challenging reviews CODIS has been more time consuming.

The DNA Unit has another trainee onboard, making the number of trainees four.

The Unit held CODIS focused training for APD detectives, which was well received.

All members of the unit received Genotype training at no cost to the agencies, which is critical for maintaining their ability to report, perform statistics and do their jobs. The new FEI quality assurance standards were issued July 1st; the entire unit was trained and incorporate the new conditions for the FBI QAS within the year.

Something that was noticed throughout the year was a drop in response to CODIS hits. Director Morrow supplied CODIS hit numbers for the $\frac{3}{4}$ mark through the year.

- ACSO submitted buccal swabs for 9% of CODIS hits.
- APD responded to 10% of CODIS hits.
- DCSO responded for 15% of CODIS hits.

(consensual partners are not eligible for the CODIS database)

We believe there might be a lack of understanding of what the notification means and that they need to be followed up on. We are hopeful in the 1st quarter of this year; we can start outreach to follow up on notifications. Do we need more action, should another sample be submitted, is the information relevant? Should the sample come out of the database? If the samples we are working are relevant to the case, we would expect that we would have more samples submitted for comparison. There appears to be a breakdown in communication, and we are looking to rectify that.

Sheriff Weekly responded to the 2025 recap by comment it was outstanding work, and a great job by everyone in the lab.

DC Hilderbrand asked what the Labs plan was for moving towards Rapid DNA in the future.

Director Morrow said with Rapid DNA, the FBI has to work with it first, set the rules for it and then implement those rules. It was released in the QAS standards released in July. Director Morrow offered to put together a presentation on Rapid DNA for the next BoD meeting.

Director Morrow believes Rapid DNA is coming but we would need significantly more staff. We would require laboratory renovation to allow space for the equipment. Currently, it is really only being used for references. Our CODIS administrator has done a significant amount of research on it. It is extremely costly. You still need an A swab and a B swab. It needs to be associated with a CODIS lab. It is coming in the future, but it isn't imminent. There are grants available but the upkeep, the training, and the cooperation with the agencies is significant.

Chief Chamberlain, thanks Director Morrow for making these changes. He commented he knows they were hard discussion.

Director Morrow responded, everything in the field of forensics is fluid, something comes out in the news or in legislation and we have to pivot.

Chief commented first in first out is huge first in, first out and all the little changes we have made are huge.

Director Morrow replied we have been working hard with the Consortium to review cases and take them back to their agencies. Is the testing still needed? Have there been any investigation updates? Is there any new evidence? We are working hard to do what we can with our resources. We appreciate the thanks.

5. Legal fees memo and budget discussion related to same (funding discussion and vote) – Director Morrow/ Ashley Hernandez-Schlagel CCWU

Director Morrow apologized for coming out late with the agenda, there were still changes being made to it as late as Monday. We have been very fortunate to bring on Ashley Hernandez-Schlaegel. The timing was great, as soon as she started we began to receive many subpoenas and demands to appear. As you are all aware the Legal representative position has been vacant for 3 years. We have exceeded the allotted \$8,000 line items and the bills are due. We need the Board to decide how the bills due will be handled and how we will handle additional bills moving forward. The memo handed out in the packets touches on the current invoices and the items likely to appear moving forward, including the IGA.

Ashley Hernandez-Schlagel said she was happy to answer any questions from the Board.

Chief Chamberlain has spoken with DA Padden as he knows they will be paying the first \$8,000. The bill already exceeds \$32,000. How are we going to navigate the outstanding bill? What is the projection of the ongoing issues, will they continue to persist or do you anticipate them slowing down? Is it going to be something we will see more of based on the employee that was involved? How do we take the next steps moving forward? The Chief said he is open to thoughts and discussions.

Director Morrow replied having legal representation is a necessary cost for us.

Ashley Hernandez Schneagel said it seems like it is slowing down a little. We have had a little court success. It is hard to anticipate how many more cases will be impacted but it does seem to be ticking down. We have only had one subpoena to date this month.

Ashley said she believes it is slowing down a little, so far everything has been discovery items and under a protective order. She believes the wind is going out of the sails a little bit, but we still have a way to go. She feels it is hard to anticipate we were getting multiple subpoenas a week and this month we have had only 1-2.

Director Morrow said there has been an increase in CCJRA requests, Ashley has guided her on how she has been responding to them.

John Schneebeck said as the fiscal agent they have processed the 1st three invoices so the money has gone out, but they did miss the date on one invoice it will be something that is measured against APD as far as the fiscal policy of the City. The issue at hand is where the reimbursements are going to come from to pay back the City.

Sheriff Weekly asked Director Morrow if the Laboratory has any salary savings from 2024/2025 that could be allocated to pay it. There was a vacancy with DCSO for a few months, but other than that, we haven't had any vacancies. We didn't spend all of our DNA PO, we could possibly spend that to pay the bill.

Chief Chamberlain said, “This has to be a discussion, and there needs to be a plan moving forward, the Consortium is going to have to sort it out.”

Sheriff Weekly added, Douglas County put in a significant amount of money to start, and this needed legal representation is not going to go away so we really need to rewrite the IGA sooner rather than later. A lot of these issues should have been resolved long before most of the Board was even in these positions, we need to move forward and fix it.

Chief Chamberlain said that is a long-term strategy, how do we navigate it short-term? Aurora has fiduciary oversight on this and we don’t want to compromise the city and not meet the timelines for payment.

John Schneebeck said there is also added cost of IGA development which will have costs associated with it. We don’t know what the costs are going to be but there is significant change to what we have had prior. There is an IGA payment we need to have an idea of what we are going to pay.

Commissioner Van Winkle said unfortunately, we didn’t see this situation coming. Is there a legal fund that everyone could put \$10,000 into?

Director Morrow said, historically, the 18th has had a line item and part of their commitment to the lab was paying legal fees up to \$8,000 per year. It is a small budget and was always designed to be a maintenance budget. We didn’t foresee this situation coming and it turned into an emergent situation.

Chief Chamberlain said this situation has come about was out of the norm and an issue with processing by a prior analyst who has caused mass scrutiny and is where the costs are coming from.

Commissioner Van Winkle said there are two issues. This seems like an emergency situation and Douglas County and Arapahoe County are willing to step up and make sure the bills get paid. Sheriff Brown agreed Arapahoe County will contribute to the bills. He followed by saying DNA is going to be under scrutiny in Colorado because of Missy Woods for years to come and cases will continue to be challenged. We are going to have to address it moving forward with some projection conversations so we can consider budget processes moving forward.

Sheriff Brown said he knows Douglas County has contributed significantly, but expenses have changed over time, and the world of law enforcement has changed. We need to continue to deliver the highest level of service and we need to lean on the level of expert legal representation we are getting. The case could have belonged to any agency, and we need to continue to deliver for the victims.

Director Morrow said we have a very active community on the defense side in Colorado which is great, but not so great for the legal bill side.

Chief Chamberlain asked Director Morrow could we have a short-term solution to look at how we are going to allocate the funds currently owing? Long-term, could we get some type of projection for moving forward?

Director Morrow said a lot has changed, lot of things have been modified, and we will have to make another line item in the budget. We are reallocating line items to cover other things, expenses that have come up. Legal fees are not eligible for grant funds.

Commissioner Van Winkle asked if it is possible to make a claim on insurance to recoup legal costs.

Director Morrow said she believes the fees are not something that would be able to be claimed under insurance, but it is a good suggestion.

DA Padden asked Ashley, is she responding to cases in Arapahoe and Adams County that were worked by the analyst? Ashley said she believes there was one case in Arapahoe County and the rest were in Adams County.

DA Padden asked if they were Aurora cases in Adams County, Director Morrow said they were. DA Padden replied she had no idea there were so many cases and there is no easy way to adequately predict costs but \$8,000 a month is not going to be enough. She said we need to have a legal budget moving forward and if we don't use it, great, but we need to plan for it.

Sheriff Brown commented that there is an IGA in place right now that has cost sharing. He has tried to work out different spending options prior, and it didn't work out, but there might be an option for Arapahoe to pay a larger portion of the bills.

Mayor Coffman asked what the schedule looks like the rewriting the IGA.

Ashley said it is just getting started. The plan is to get it completed this year, but it will be time intensive.

DA Padden said as a short-term solution, the 18th JD will pay \$8,000 for 2025 and \$8,000 for 2026, for the short term figure out how to pay the rest. Moving forward it should be addressed via the IGA.

Chief Hildebrand asked what the IGA says about paying? Director Morrow said it says the Board will make sure the costs are fair and equitable division with no specifics for not having a line item available. They may call a special session to discuss. Director Morrow also said she didn't believe we have spent all of our line items we had available in 2025; we could consider this as a general expenditure and use the splits from 2025 to split it out.

DC Hildebrand wanted to know if there was an argument to split it 3 ways. The general split effects each agency differently. He said this is just one solution and then deals with what the budget should look like moving forward.

John Schneebeck commented on the history of the board making decisions on larger purchases and how they have been split previously. The board has always made the decision on these types of expenditures.

Sheriff Brown asked if there was any line item we didn't spend?

John Schneebeck went through the budget sheet and explained how the agencies can see what funds they didn't spend out in the last year.

Director Morrow said we have 1 current vacancy for ACSO but that job will soon be posted. We have a couple of months of savings from the Chemist who was recently hired through DCSO. She doesn't believe we had any other vacancies within the Laboratory.

John Schneebeck continued the 23rd Judicial District has allocated funding for a DNA Analyst, which will be covered under the Douglas County line items. To avoid having another chain of command and another HR department within the Lab, Douglas County Sheriff's Office DCSO will be in charge of the hiring.

The billing for legal expenses is \$40,000 for 2025 with \$16,000 being paid by 18th Judicial District. \$24,000 still needs to be reimbursed.

Director Morrow asked if a virtual meeting could be set up giving the board time to go back to their agencies to discuss the outstanding funding. Can they go back to the agencies and have a virtual meeting. Would you like to set a calendar date, or would you like a survey of potentials dates, a week or two out? Director Morrow was asked to pick a day and time and send out invites for a virtual meeting.

2027 Budget Splits – Director Morrow

Based on the calculations the budget splits for 2027 splits will stay fairly consistent. The 2025 statistics will predict the 2027 splits.

General splits

- Aurora 41%
- Arapahoe 35%
- Douglas 24%

DNA split numbers

- Aurora 65%
- Arapahoe 18%
- Douglas County 17%

Those numbers are based on the data in everyone's packets.

John Schneebeck said all agencies have a fiscal year of January 1 – December 31. The January meeting is a good time for the director to make any requests for items she wants to be considered in the 2027 budget so the Board members can bring those discussions back to their agencies for consideration next year. Director Morrow thanked John for pointing that out.

Director Morrow has spoken with all of her Technical Leader and asked for input. We have a few purchases pending on Grants, as far as equipment goes, we are set for now. As far as staff we would like to encourage the Quality Assurance Manager position and potentially an additional analyst and a

member of the administrative staff. These are projections of staffing we feel we need, our 2 deputy directors spend the majority of their time completing case management. Lab requests and case submission and pre-submission hearings have become a full-time job. This administrative position would allow the Deputy Directors to focus on the management side of the lab. We will take every extra body we can get. We have the largest growing population in Colorado, if we have attrition and we don't have people in the pipeline, it creates problems. We would always like to have somebody in training so if someone leaves, we are not falling behind on cases.

Sheriff Weekly asked if this is an ask for the 2027 budget, should they be taking this information back to their agencies. Director Morrow said she will put together a budget proposal, she thought we would be discussing this at the March meeting for a vote in May. Director Morrow apologized for not being prepared, she had a different timeline in her head.

Sheriff Weekly would like to return to item 5, Legal fees and turn the conversation to Sheriff Brown.

Sheriff Brown would like to present a motion for Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office to pay the outstanding legal expenses of \$24,000 (or the exact number) and make the Legal firm of Collins Cole Winn Ulmer be made whole with unpaid amount due. Motion by Sheriff Brown Arapahoe County will pay the outstanding balance with leftover funds from last year. 2nd by Commissioner Baker. All in favor. Motion passed. Thank you Arapahoe County.

Staffing Updates – Director Morrow

We have 27 employees with one pending hire. The position was rolled over from the closing of the Questioned Document Department. We have a new DNA analyst starting February 17th.

Our Chemistry trainee is almost signed off.

Our Firearms unit is doing very well.

In Biology with our pending hire our number will go to 9 analysts.

Latent Prints Unit has 7 members.

We have 3 support staff.

Consortium Updates - Commander McMillan

Commander McMillan would like to thank the members of the Consortium, Commander Paolino, Captain Brown, Captain Nesvold, Lt. Murphy, ADA Kofol and ADA Brackley. The Consortium has expanded a little adding in the 18th and 23rd Judicial Districts, they have been meeting twice a month, and it has been very collaborative. They have been working very well in relieving some of the friction points and increasing efficiency by holding pre-submission meetings. There was a shooting/car chase which was followed up

Monday with a great meeting with the Lab management and staff, DA's and detectives. The feedback was great from the detectives, and no emails and phone calls would be needed until the evidence is getting processed. They will continue to strive for these kinds of meetings moving forward.

The matrix is the largest project the Consortium has been working on. This has been a collaborative effort especially from the UFL, producing a tier system with an emphasis on timely, equitable, strategic analysis across the agencies to ensure public safety investigative urgency and judicial timeliness with the DA's partners. Operational flexibility is maintained within the UFL leadership as they collaborate with the DA's office and detectives.

Nonpriority evidence may be included in DNA batches to support analysts' wellbeing and training. They need to be able to work less high-profile cases for training, mental health and longevity.

- Tier 1 – violent crimes, unknown suspects, homicides, child sex assaults
- Tier 2 – violent crimes with known suspects or court deadlines
- Tier 3 and 4 – nonviolent crimes or property driven crimes.
- Sex assault kits have mandatory State priority.
- Escalation criteria – public safety impacts. If an agency has a spree of shootings, we will want to get on that.
- DNA will be prioritized for violent crimes and serial offenses.
- Firearms – NIBIN entries will be completed asap.
- Latent Prints – it has a little processing time, but there is not enough emphasis on it, it is great evidence.

The number of items being submitted was discussed. It is collaborative between the UFL and the analyst/detectives. The scientist will be the ones who know what evidence is best to submit, the detective needs to tip their caps to them and let them tell the detectives what would be the best evidence to submit.

All evidence can be flexible based on the situation, but this is general guidance for moving forward. It all comes down to communication between the lab leadership and the agencies.

Monthly review boards will occur with the Consortium and the Lab to discuss priorities. Turn around goal is going to be 90 days but that is not possible right now. The Matrix will be reviewed annually to make sure it is still working. This Matrix lays out a format and gives the analysts some breathing room and lets them work these cases. The Consortium hopes the Board will accept this matrix and agree moving forward.

Director Morrow commented this is in line with how the Lab has been working cases. She would like to make a comment about analyst burnout. One of the reasons we are slower on training is that we don't have

the casework to train them on right now. We train by double interpreting, if everything is a priority and cases have to quickly get out the door, analysts can't sit down and train the cases.

One of the reasons for burnout, when things are a priority we can't move fast enough, we need to modify our implementation of trainees by making them technicians. We don't always have time to double interpret cases. We are going to modify our approach to training and to authorization to casework by training technicians. We have not previously used technicians, but our trainees will be trained to do lab work. Our analysts will be able to rush a batch of cases and double-interpret the trainee's work. It will save time and allow us to be more efficient whilst keeping up with the priority cases.

Chief Chamberlain thanked everyone for the time they have put into getting the Matrix up and running.

Cold case solved. Commander McMillan

Shane Williams did an evidence review with Crime Analyst Michelle Kennedy. In October 1987 a female was sexually assaulted and dumped, her hands were bagged for preservation. CBI had previously worked on the case but didn't come back with a suspect. Shane looked at the case and collected the paper bags, through DNA testing, he was able to come back with a name of a serial murderer and sex assault offender. More than one dozen homicides were attributed to him. Thanks to Shane and the team who have really highlighted nationwide the great work being done at the UFL. Columbus Ohio PD has reached out and said they have told their detectives to check their paper bags for evidence.

Addition of monthly meetings, investigator trainings – Commander Paolino

Commander Paolino would like to echo what Commander McMillan said about the Matrix. The numbers that were decided on for evidence testing were because the detectives weren't educated and were submitted upwards of 50 pieces of evidence a case. The limit forces them to consider why they are submitting and what they are submitting. Staffing is an issue so this will make the lab more effective. The purpose of the pre-submission meetings is to reach out to the lab and ask questions about what evidence they should submit. DA Kofol and ADA Brackley don't always know what the detectives are submitting or what they need. These meetings are all about communication, command staff and decisions that affect the group as a whole, trying to better our resources and be more effective in case management.

DA Kofol said the whole point of this is to be more efficient with our numbers. We don't need the lab working on cases that have been pled. The whole point is this is what we need PH, and this is what we need for trial. We are trying to get the numbers down and not perform unnecessary testing. We need to make sure we are testing the best evidence.

The 23rd has told their prosecutors they need to have a meeting with the detectives and the Lab to talk over the case, if everyone isn't communicating we can't be effective, these meetings can be very helpful for everyone. Director Morrow said we are having the same conversations with the 18th JD as well, it will be very beneficial for us all to be on the same page.

6. Executive Session

Executive Session pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(b) and C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(e) for the purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions regarding an Addendum to the Intergovernmental Agreement and to receive legal advice and determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiation, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators relating to an Addendum to the Intergovernmental Agreement.

Sheriff Weekly read the above statement to call an executive session. Motion for executive session made by Sheriff Weekly. 2nd Commissioner Van Winkle. All in favor.

All attendees not on the Board of Directors were asked to leave the meeting at 3:21 pm.

Meeting resumed 3:39pm

7. **Adjournment** – Next Meeting – March 25, 2026 / 2:00 – close @ UFL
8. Meeting concluded at 3:40pm

ATTORNEY STATEMENT

Pursuant to Section 24-6-402(2)(d.5)(II)(B), C.R.S., I, Ashley Hernande-Schlagel, state that the law firm of Collins Cole Winn & Ulmer, PLLC, is General Counsel to the Unified Forensic Laboratory Board, and that I was present at the time the Board convened in Executive Session on January 28, 2026. I further state that the Executive Session was not recorded because it constituted a privileged attorney-client communication and that no electronic record thereof was necessary.

Date: February 20, 2026

Signature: _____

Ashley Schlagel