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**Committee on Advancing the Field of Forensic Pathology:
Lessons Learned from Death in Custody Investigations
Meeting #6**

February 4-5, 2025

National Academy of Sciences
Room 125
2101 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20418

AGENDA

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

OPEN SESSION

8:00 AM*

Continental Breakfast Available

8:30 AM

Welcome and Introductions

Committee Co-Chairs: **Raymond Lohier**, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit
John Rich, RUSH University Medical Center

8:35 AM

Session 1: Perspectives on Cause and Manner of Death and Investigative Independence

Speakers: **Keith Pinckard**, Chief Medical Examiner, Travis County, Texas and Immediate Past President, National Association of Medical Examiners
Reade A. Quinton, Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Mayo Clinic and President, National Association of Medical Examiners

8:55 AM	Discussion with Committee
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9:30 AM	Session 2: Medical Examiner Perspectives on Infrastructure and Resource Needs
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Moderator: **Jonathan Lucas**,** San Diego County Department of the Medical Examiner

Speakers: **Theodore “Ted” Brown**, Director and Chief Medical Examiner, Arkansas State Crime Laboratory
Erin Linde, Forensic Pathologist, Omaha, Nebraska
Deland Weyrauch, Deputy Medical Examiner, Montana State Medical Examiner’s Office

10:00 AM	Discussion with Committee
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10:45 AM	Break
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11:00 AM	Session 3: Medical Examiner Perspectives on Deaths in Custody
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Moderator: **Roger Mitchell, Jr.**,** Howard University Hospital

Speakers: **Jan Gorniak**, Forensic Pathologist, World Peace Forensic Consulting, LLC
Michelle Jorden, Chief Medical Examiner, Santa Clara County, California (virtual)

11:30 AM	Discussion with Committee
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12:00 PM	Lunch
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1:00 PM	Session 4: Perspectives on the Affected Community
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Moderator: **John Rich**,** RUSH University Medical Center

Speakers: **Linda Franks**, Board Chair, Fair Fight Initiative
Cheryl Pilate, Partner, Morgan Pilate LLC (virtual)

1:30 PM	Discussion with Committee
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2:00 PM	Session 5: Perspectives from the Correctional and Correctional Health Community
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Moderator: **Marc F. Stern,**** University of Washington School of Public Health

Speakers: **John Wetzel**, Founding Director, Keystone Restituere Justice Center
Johnny Wu, Executive Vice President and Chief Clinical Officer, Centurion Healthcare

2:30 PM	Discussion with Committee
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3:00 PM	Break
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3:15 PM	Session 6: Peer Review in Forensic Pathology
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Moderator: **Paul S. Appelbaum,**** Columbia University

Speakers: **Nicole Martin**, Program Director, Know Your Rights Camp Autopsy Initiative
Alfredo Walker, Forensic Pathologist and Coroner, Eastern Ontario Regional Forensic Pathology Unit and Faculty of Medicine, University of Ottawa

3:45 PM	Discussion with Committee
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4:15 PM	Session 7: Sickle Cell Trait and Cause of Death
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Moderator: **Josiah “Jody” Rich,**** Brown University

Speaker: **Lachelle D. Weeks**, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School (virtual)

4:25 PM	Discussion with Committee
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4:55 PM	Adjourn to Closed Session
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Session 8: Restraint of Agitated Individuals

Speakers:

James J. Gerace, Chief, Colonie, New York Police Department

9:20 AM

Discussion with Committee

10:00 AM	Adjourn to Closed Session
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**Study Committee Member