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Medical Examiners Commission Role

The Medical Examiners Commission oversees many of the activities of medical examiners in the State of Florida. The Commission is soliciting your input regarding the quality of medical examiner services that you are being provided as a constituent. Section 406.04, Florida Statute, states in part, that the Commission “shall ensure minimum and uniform standards of excellence, performance of duties, and maintenance of records so as to provide useful and adequate information to the state in regard to causative factors of those deaths investigated”. We are asking for your input so the Commission can make an informed decision on district medical examiner nominations for gubernatorial appointment for those districts with an appointment end date in 2026 or for the districts with home rule charters that fall within this review period.

Please complete the below questions identifying your agency, organization or business before moving on to the questions related to your medical examiner services. If you have any questions or have problems submitting this form, please contact MECReports@fdle.state.fl.us or call Commission staff at 850-410-8600. The survey results will be presented at the May Commission meeting in 2026. The survey results will be reviewed by the Commission, the district medical examiner, the district's State Attorney and after the Commission meeting subject to Florida public record laws.

* Funeral Homes with multiple locations, please submit an entry for each address. * Organ Procurement Organizations that interacts with more than one District Medical Examiner, please submit an entry for each Medical Examiner.

1. Please select your type of agency, organization, or business: *

- Police Department
- Sheriff Office
- Board of County/City Commissioners
- State Attorney's Office
- Public Defender's Office
- Funeral Home
- Medical Society
- Organ Recovery Organization
- Other

2. Agency, organization, or business name: *

Seminole County Board of County Commissioners

3. Agency, organization, or business **street address:** *

1101 E. First Street

4. Agency, organization, or business **city:** *

Sanford

5. Agency, organization, or business **zip code:** *

32771

6. Your name: *

Seminole County

7. Your email address: *

kswenson@seminolecountyfl.gov

8. Please select the medical examiner district number and district medical examiner that you receive services from (the counties of service are listed for convenience): *

- District 15 (serves Palm Beach County); District Medical Examiner Catherine R. Miller, M.D.
- District 16 (serves Monroe County); District Medical Examiner Michael Steckbauer, M.D.
- District 17 (serves Broward County); District Medical Examiner Rebecca MacDougall, M.D.
- District 18 (serves Brevard County); District Medical Examiner Sajid S. Qaiser, M.D.
- District 19 (serves Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, & St. Lucie Counties); District Medical Examiner Patricia A. Aronica, M.D.
- District 20 (serves Collier County); District Medical Examiner Marta U. Coburn, M.D.
- District 21 (serves Glades, Hendry, & Lee Counties); District Medical Examiner Rebecca A. Hamilton, M.D.
- District 22 (serves Charlotte County); District Medical Examiner Russell S. Vega, M.D.
- District 23 (serves Flagler, Putnam & St. Johns Counties); District Medical Examiner Wendolyn Sneed, M.D.
- District 24 (serves Seminole County); District Medical Examiner Barbara Wolf, M.D.

Please answer the below questions regarding the medical examiner services in your district. If you have additional documentation you wish to send, you may send it to MECReports@fdle.state.fl.us.

9. How do you rate the quality of medical examiner services provided in your district? *

- Favorable
- Unfavorable
- No Opinion

10. Please explain your above response regarding the quality of medical examiner services. You may provide suggestions for improvements, reasons for negative/positive/no response, or other comments related to the services or district medical examiner. *

Dr. Wolf serves as the Medical Examiner for both District 24 and District 5 through an intergovernmental agreement between the two districts. The comments provided are observations by District 24 and are not intended to represent those of District 5. The following are areas for improvement for Dr. Wolf:

- 1) Increase presence in the District Committee Meeting, the joint meeting between District 24 and District 5, through proactive engagement and reporting. Previously, a letter was sent to Dr. Wolf from Marion County, the administrator of the joint district, regarding her lack of engagement and expectations for her participation in meetings moving forward
- 2) Provide more accurate information during District Committee Meetings. Several items previously reported by Dr. Wolf during those meetings were inaccurate or required further clarification. This includes items regarding the appointment of Medical Examiners in charter counties, details of grant applications, and specific requirements and processes outlined in the interlocal agreement with respect to service provision.
- 3) Review and address human resources issues. Seminole County has received complaints from Medicus Forensics employees regarding their overtime compensation and how they believe it is being calculated incorrectly. Additionally, law enforcement officers in Seminole County have also complained about additional overtime required to pay staff due to the perceived slower response times to the scene by Medicus Forensics staff.