



HFSC's Board of Directors Appoints CEO, President

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The Houston Forensic Science Center's Board of Directors voted unanimously Friday to appoint Dr. Peter Stout CEO and president of the corporation.

Dr. Stout has been serving as HFSC's interim CEO and president. Dr. Stout joined HFSC in February 2015 as chief operations officer and vice president. In that role Dr. Stout oversaw the reduction of HFSC's turnaround times and the elimination of backlogs.

"Dr. Stout has intimate knowledge of HFSC's operations and is perfectly suited to bring the corporation to the next level," said Nicole Casarez, chair of HFSC's board of directors. "The board looks forward to working with Dr. Stout to make HFSC a nationally recognized forensic lab that provides credible, impartial science to the justice system."

Dr. Stout has nearly 20 years of forensic science and forensic toxicology experience. He joined HFSC after serving as a senior research forensic scientist and director of operations in the Center for Forensic Sciences at RTI International. Dr. Stout has also served as president of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists (SOFT.) He has represented that group in national policy discussions on the future of forensic sciences in the United States. Dr. Stout also served as an officer in the U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps.

Dr. Stout has a doctorate in toxicology from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver.

“I am honored by this appointment and look forward to working with the board and HFSC’s talented team of scientists to provide Houston’s justice system with reliable, balanced forensic science that helps keep the community safe,” Dr. Stout said.

HFSC is a local government corporation that provides forensic services to the City of Houston and other local agencies. HFSC is overseen by a Board of Directors appointed by the Mayor of Houston and confirmed by the Houston City Council. Its management structure is designed to be responsive to a 2009 recommendation by the National Academy of Sciences that called for crime laboratories to be independent of law enforcement and prosecutorial branches of government.

HFSC operates in eight forensic disciplines.

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