

Summary of the TNI Credentials Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 28, 2025 1:00 pm Eastern

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Ken welcomed everyone to this meeting. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent (see Attachment 2). The April 23 minutes were approved unanimously after a motion by Patty, seconded by Salima.

2. Review of Proposed Training to Prepare QMS Exam Applicants for St. Louis

Jerry indicated a new slide was added to justify the use of the words “high quality” in the certificate based on language from the Understanding Certifications document from Workcred. As described in this document, high quality can be used because TNI’s effort is:

- **Based on third-party assessment.** This assessment is based on a set of competency standards set through a defensible, profession-wide analysis process which is reviewed/revised regularly.
- **Time-limited and renewable.** Requiring recertification to retain the credential ensures the holder’s knowledge and skills are current and reflect changing needs within an industry and occupational area.
- **Revocable.** Similar to an occupational license, certifications can be revoked for a violation of a code of ethics or proven incompetence after due process.

Jerry then shared with the group the current registration data showing 8 individuals have signed up so far. Twelve individuals have signed up for the exam preparation class.

3. Review of instructions for creating KSAs for Technical Specialists

The committee reviewed the draft document in detail and made numerous minor edits, but deferred on approving it until the committee discusses the digital Badge options for chemistry.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 1 pm Eastern**. The agenda, a Teams meeting link, and any necessary documents will be sent in advance.

Attachment 1

Credentials Committee Roster

NAME		EMAIL	AFFILIATION	STAKE-HOLDER CATEGORY	Present?
Paul	Banfer	paul.banfer@eisc.net	EISC	Other	Yes
Kenneth	Brown	Kenneth.brown@escondido.gov	City of Escondido	Lab	Yes
Patricia	Carvajal	pmcarvajal@sariverauthority.org	San Antonio River Authority	Lab	Yes
Steve	Drielak	drielak-associates@usa.net	Drielak & Associates	Other	Yes
Stacey	Fry	Stacey.fry@cannabis.ca.gov	CA Dept. of Cannabis Control	Other	Yes
Salima	Haniff	Salima.haniff@bvlabs.com	Bureau Veritas Labs	Lab	Yes
Harold	Longbaugh	Harold.Longbaugh@houstontx.gov	City of Houston	Lab	Yes
Theresa	Johnson	Theresa.Johnson@mccampbell.com	McC Campbell Analytical, Inc.	Lab	Yes
Melanie	Roshu	melanie.roshu@gmail.com	Matrix Sciences International, Inc.	Lab	Yes
Joann	Slavin	joann.slavin@health.ny.gov	NY DOH	AB	Yes
David	Smith	david.smith@antylia.com	Environmental Express	Other	No
Alfredo	Sotomayor	asotomayor@mmsd.com	Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewer District	Lab	Yes
Elizabeth	Turner	Elizabeth.turner@pacelabs.com	Pace Labs, Inc.	Lab	No
Associate Members:					
Paul	Canevaro	PCanevaro@Republicservices.com	US Ecology Inc./ Republic Services	Lab	Yes
Jerry	Thao	Jerry.thao@pacelabs.com	Pace Labs, Inc.	Lab	No
Staff:					
Jerry	Parr	Jerry.parr@nelac-institute.org	TNI Executive Director		Yes
Lynn	Bradley	Lynn.bradley@nelac-institute.org	TNI Program Administrator		No

Attachment 2

Agenda, May 28, 2025

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of April Minutes
- Update on Proposed Training to Prepare QMS Exam Applicants for St. Louis Exam
- Review Instructions for Preparing TS KSAs (see attached file)
- Adjourn