

**SUMMARY OF THE
TNI CONSENSUS STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MARCH 12, 2026**

The Executive Committee held a conference call on March 12, 2026, at 11:00 AM EST. Chair Paul Junio led the meeting. The committee met utilizing Microsoft Teams. The call was recorded for the purpose of preparation of meeting minutes and will be deleted upon approval of said minutes.

Agenda item 1 - Roll call

Name	Email	Organization	
Aaren Alger	aaren@alger-consulting.com	Alger Consulting and Training, LLC	Absent
Debbie Bond (Vice Chair)	dbond@southernco.com	Alabama Power Company	Present
Robin Cook	cookr@codb.us	City of Daytona Beach	Present
Carol Gebhart	carol.gebhart@alsglobal.com	ALS Group US	Present
Cody Danielson	Cody.Danielson129@gmail.com	Independent/Unaffiliated	Present
Katie Strothman	katie@sanderslabs.net	Sanders Laboratories	Present
Kevin Holbrooks	holbke@jea.com	JEA	Absent
Paul Junio (Chair)	paul.junio@pacelabs.com	Pace Analytical Services	Present
Robert Hecker	robert.hecker@health.ny.gov	NYSDoH	Present
Teresa Norberg King	norbe010@alumni.umn.edu	Aquatic Ecotox Solutions	Present
Amanda Fehr	amanda.fehr@gel.com	GEL Laboratories	Present
Cathy Westerman	cathy.westerman@dgs.virginia.gov	Virginia DCLS	Absent
Nicole Cairns	nicole.cairns@health.ny.gov	NYSDOH	Present
Ilona Taunton	ilona.taunton@nelac-institute.org	The NELAC Institute	Present
Robert Wyeth	robert.wyeth@nelac-institute.org	The NELAC Institute	Present

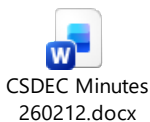
A quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded.

Agenda item 2 – Approval of Agenda

The agenda was previously presented by Paul and is provided as Attachment 1. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Agenda item 3 - Review and Approval February 12, 2026 Minutes

A draft of February 12, 2026 minutes was previously provided for review. After minor editorial corrections the minutes were unanimously approved following a motion by Nicole and a second by Robert. Minutes will be submitted to William for posting.



Agenda Item 4 – Vice Chair Welcome

The previous Vice-Chair (Michelle Wade) has rotated off as Chair of the Chemistry Committee and is no longer a member of the CSDP EC. Volunteers for the Vice Chair role were solicited by Paul. After receiving receipt of a number of candidates, the committee elected Debbie Bond to the position of Vice Chair. The committee thanked Debbie for volunteering and congratulated her on her new role.

Agenda Item 5 – Nicole Cairns; Chair-Chemistry Committee

Paul welcomed Nicole, the newly elected Chair of the Chemistry Committee to the CSDP EC. Nicole is the Assistant Director of the Wadsworth Center in New York State and served numerous roles within TNI in the past.

Agenda Item 6 – Additional terms Approval

Aaren Alger and Amanda Fehr have been reelected as the Chair of their respective expert committees but must be approved for a third term of service. Their approval is required by the CSDP EC. Following a motion by Carol and a second by Theresa, both were unanimously approved for a third term of service. Paul also advised that as Aaren has experienced numerous conflicts with CSDP EC meeting schedule, her Vice Chair, Amy Steuerwald (amy.steuerwald@health.ny.gov) may be participating on behalf of the Laboratory Accreditation Committee.

Agenda Item 7 – Temperature at Receipt

Previously the QMS (EL V1M2) covered this topic and requirements for accreditation. The new DS for EL V1M2 no longer covers the topic and has deferred requirements to the technical modules (EL V1M3-7). Relevant expert committees were surveyed to ensure that temperature receipt and storage requirements were adequately addressed within the technical modules. Each technical expert committee responded that said requirements were properly addressed.

Agenda Item 8 - Committee Reports

Accreditation Council – The NELAP AC reported no significant topics/actions from their most recent meeting; two action items still in progress are review of some ethics language from the standard and work on a disputes SOP. Additionally, success stories' were shared from folks who have tried the 'assessor round table' discussions amongst ABs. These 'assessor round tables' are gaining momentum and more ABs are working on scheduling their staff for these as a tool for networking and informal training. The AC is also discussing the concern voiced by EPA Region 9 that equivalency between EPA's and TNI's evaluations is in question.

Asbestos – The committee has not met recently having completed research on the issue of availability of SRMs as required in EL V1M3. The committee will initiate work on a guidance document to address this topic. The committee will also consider returning to a quarterly meeting schedule.

Proficiency Testing – The DS for ELV4 was previously posted and the comment period has closed. The committee has completed resolution of all comments received. Persuasive comments have been received, and a revised DS will be prepared. The R2C form is being finalized and will likely be posted to the TNI website and commenters notified as required by SOP within the next few weeks. The committee continues to work on EL V3, which they anticipate will be completed as a DS and posted to the website for public comment prior to the Houston meeting. The committee is also initiating discussion of options to allow under established circumstances the use of a single PT sample/year for accreditation.

Field Activity – FAC is still working through FSMO V2. They anticipated completion in the immediate future and hope to post their DS before the end of April, 2026.

Quality Management System – The committee reported excellent progress in the development of their DS. While some efforts remain to be completed, they anticipate presentation and posting by May, 2026

Laboratory Accreditation Body – The committee continues to finalize their response to comments on their DS. They anticipate completion of the R2C and a revised DS in April/May timeframe. It was also presented that the term “matrix, technology/method, analyte” may be changed to “matrix, method, analyte”. The potential implications to other sections of the Standard was yet to be determined if implemented.

Chemistry – The committee has recently elected 5 new members to the committee. The committee remains balanced and without dominance (6 AB, 7 Lab, and 2 Other). The committee also finalized its Houston agenda and is working to ensure harmony in definitions with the changes being implemented by the QMS. Their major activity remains review of comments received on their posted DS and incorporation of persuasive comment into a revised DS. Considering the comments received and the time to address said comments, a revised DS is not anticipated until 2027.

Microbiology – The committee continues to work to resolve comments received on their DS and to incorporate persuasive comments into their revised DS. The committee anticipates that the final R2C and Revised DS will be posted in May, 2026.

Whole Effluent Toxicity – The committee continues to work to resolve comments received on their DS and to incorporate persuasive comments into their revised DS. The committee anticipates that the final R2C and Revised DS will be posted in May, 2026.

Radiochemistry. The committee has worked on information to include in Annex C for the QMS regarding technical specialist qualifications as well as preparing for a training class for the August meeting in Houston.

Agenda Item – 9 New/Old Business

Paul reminded members of the changes in the naming convention for TNI executive and expert committee. He also advised that registration for the Houston meeting will open on April 6, 2026.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM ET. The next meeting of the CSDP EC is scheduled for April 9, 2026 at 11:00 AM ET utilizing Microsoft Teams.

ATTACHMENT 1

Consensus Standard Development Program Executive Committee
Conference Call
March 12, 2026; 11:00 AM ET

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/28815333162465?p=bS9ZEeBe7dFUeUvO5m>

Meeting ID: 288 153 331 624 65

Passcode: 75nZ7Yd7

Dial in by phone

+1 872-242-7656,,26330806# United States, Chicago

Phone conference ID: 263 308 06#

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review and approval of February 12, 2026 meeting minutes (attached)
4. Vice Chair
5. Welcome Nicole Cairns – Chair, Chemistry Committee
6. Additional Term Approvals – Aaren Alger and Amanda Fehr
7. Temperature at Receipt (any other consistency issues from Module to Module?)
8. Committee Reports
 - a. Accreditation Council
 - b. Asbestos
 - c. Proficiency Testing
 - d. Field Activities
 - e. Quality Management Systems
 - f. Laboratory Accreditation Body
 - g. Chemistry
 - h. Microbiology
 - i. Whole Effluent Toxicity
 - j. Radiochemistry
9. New/Old Business
 - a. Committee Member Business?
 - b. Next Meeting – Thursday April 9, 2026 at 11AM Eastern