

Summary of the Laboratory Accreditation Body Expert Committee Meeting
 Tuesday, March 19, 2024 1:00 pm Eastern

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Aaren welcomed everyone to the meeting. A quorum was not present, but with no additions offered, the agenda was declared to be approved and is in Attachment 2. The minutes of February 20, 2024, will be held until the April meeting.

Aaren has resumed her role as Chair of LAB.

2. Potential Language Revisions for Persuasive Comments

The following actions were taken after discussion and agreement on language revisions to comments already deemed persuasive at prior meetings:

Comment #	Line # (sorted blue/green spreadsheet)	Section	Change to language, from consensus decision
8 & 69	53 & 54	7.6.3.5	All caps language previously removed. Language revised to read that the AB “must request feedback from each ” CAB. §9.8.2 already requires that the AB consider feedback received.
7	69	8.1.3	Copy the note from 8.1.2 into 8.1.3
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That completed consideration of language revisions for all comments already voted to be persuasive. Without a quorum, no further action could be taken on the draft module until a quorum is present and additional comments can be considered and voted to be either persuasive or not.

3. New Business

Aaren explained that she and Yumi will meet with the Accreditation Council on April 1 to discuss the issue of only ABs releasing the assessment reports.

Lynn noted that Aaren and Yumi should expect a discussion of whether or not to modify the draft module to accommodate a concept that primary ABs be identified on Certificates of Accreditation, a topic discussed in several Council meetings already. EPA seeks to ensure that the source of each method/matrix/analyte accreditation is both documented and traceable back to the primary AB. While this information is available in LAMS, not all parties are familiar enough with LAMS to search out that information. Participants discussed areas where a problem has been identified and possible solutions, as several NELAP ABs do not have IT systems that would allow for the primary AB to be included with the certificate information, for their secondary accreditations, but that an alternative solution could be including the primary AB in the letter accompanying the certificate, a solution that EPA indicated would be acceptable. This is not a “decision”, but only a preliminary discussion prior to April’s Council meeting and the discussion then.

5. Next Meeting

The next planned teleconference meeting is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, April 19, 2024, at 1:00 pm Eastern.** Aaren asks that committee members unable to attend please notify her and Lynn prior to the meeting date.

Attachment 1 LAB Expert Committee Roster

Name/Email	Term ends	Affiliation	Present?
Aaren Alger, Chair Aaren.s.alger@gmail.com	1/30/2026 (2nd term)	Other – Alger Consulting & Training	Yes
Socorro Baldonado sbaldonado@mwdh2o.com	1/30/2026 (2nd term)	Lab – Metropolitan Water District, La Verne, CA	Yes
Nilda Cox nilda.cox@et.eurofinsus.com	1/30/2025 (2nd term)	Lab – Eurofins Eaton Analytical LLC	No
Yumi Creason, Vice Chair ycreason@pa.gov	1/30/2025 (1 st term)	AB – Pennsylvania	No
Bill Hall george.w.hall@des.nh.gov	1/30/2026 (1st term)	AB – NH DES	No
Sviatlana Haubner Sviatlana.Haubner@cincinnati-oh.gov	1/30/2025 (1 st term)	LAB – Cincinnati Metropolitan Sewer District	No
Michella Karapondo Karapondo.michella@epa.gov	1/30/2025 (1st term)	Other – EPA OGWDW TSC/Cincinnati	Yes
Michael Perry michael.perry@lvvwd.com	1/30/2026 (2nd term)	Lab – Southern Nevada Water Authority	No
Zaneta Popovska zpopovska@anab.org	1/30/2025 (2nd term)	AB – ANAB	Yes
Program Administrator: Lynn Bradley Lynn.Bradley@nelac-institute.org	N/A		Yes
Associate Members:			
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Paul Junio paul.junio@pacelabs.com		LAB – Pace Labs, Inc.	No
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Ryan Lerch Ryan.lerch@deq.ok.gov		AB – OK DEQ	Yes
Marlene Moore mmoore@advancedsys.com		Other – Advanced Systems, Inc., Newark, DE	No
Mei Beth Shepherd, Vice Chair mbshep@sheptechserv.com		Other – Shepherd Technical Services	No
Nicholas Slawson nslawson@a2la.org		AB – A2LA	No
Ilona Taunton Ilona.taunton@nelac-institute.org		Other – TNI Program Administrator	No
Cathy Westerman cathy.westerman@dgs.virginia.gov		AB – VA DCLS	Yes

Attachment 2 – LAB Expert Committee Meeting Agenda, March 19, 2024

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes (February minutes attached)
- Continue Consideration of Comments and Edits to Draft V2M1 Revision 2 (see response-to-comments file and draft module, attached)
- New Business, if any
- Adjourn