

**Microbiology Expert Committee (MEC)
Meeting Summary**

May 10, 2022

1. Roll Call:

Cody, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30pm Eastern on May 10, 2022 by teleconference. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A – there were 10 voting members present. Associates present: Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar, Nigel Allison, Sviatlana Haubner, Brian Mercer, Alma McCammond, and Anagha Chitre.

2. Membership

The Committee is still looking for non-lab voting members. The current membership is: Lab/FSMO - 7, Other - 3, and AB - 4.

3. SIRs

SIRs 423 and 425 may be returned to the Committee for reconsideration.

4. Training Course – Understanding Microbiology Workgroup

The Workgroup is continuing work on this training. The first class will be live on Friday at the summer meeting. The first class will be re-done as a webinar and recorded after this training in Crystal City.

5. Comments to Posted DRAFT Standard - Vote

Cody displayed the comment spreadsheet on Webex. The Committee voted on whether Comments were Persuasive or Not Persuasive. The Committee had a Super Majority. They voted on Comments: 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10 – See Attachment D.

Comment 10:

Comment 5 is likely Persuasive, but 10 is not Persuasive. See Committee Comments for justification in Attachment D.

A motion was made by Jody that Comment 10 is not persuasive. The motion was seconded by Amy and there was no further discussion.

Roll Call vote:

Cody - For

Robin - For
Ashley - For
Jody - For
Hunter - For
Enoma - For
Christabel - For
Amy - For
Matt - For
Robert - For
Maria - For

The motion passed unanimously (11 votes).

Comment 3:

See Committee Comments for justification in Attachment D.

A motion was made by Robin that Comment 3 is not persuasive. The motion was seconded by Christabel and there was no further discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

Cody For
Robin For
Ashley For
Jody For
Hunter. For
Enoma. For
Christabel. For
Amy. For
Matt. For
Robert. For
Maria. For

The motion passed unanimously (11 votes).

Comment 8:

See Committee Comments for justification in Attachment D.

A motion was made by Robin that the comment is persuasive and to approve the language changes in column F (Committee Action) that are in blue. The motion was seconded by Jody and there was no further discussion.

Roll Call vote:

Cody - For
Robin - For

Ashley - For
Jody - For
Hunter - For
Enoma - For
Christabel - For
Amy - For
Matt - For
Robert - For
Maria - For

The motion passed unanimously (11 votes).

Comments 2 and 7:

See Committee Comments for justification in Attachment D.

A motion was made by Robin that Comments 2 and 7 are Persuasive and to approve the change to 1.7.3.6.b.v.a as shown in column F (Committee Action) to handle Comments 2 and 7. The motion was seconded by Jody and there was no further discussion.

Roll Call vote:

Cody - For
Robin - For
Ashley - For
Jody - For
Hunter - For
Enoma - For
Christabel - For
Amy - For
Matt - For
Robert - For
Maria - For

The motion passed unanimously (11 votes).

Comment 9:

See Committee Comments for justification in Attachment D.

A motion was made by Robin that Comment 9 is persuasive and to approve the changes made as described in Column F (Committee Action). The motion was seconded by Christabel and there was no further discussion.

Roll Call vote:

Cody - For
Robin - For
Ashley - For
Jody - For

Hunter - For
Enoma - For
Christabel - For
Amy - For
Matt - For
Robert - For
Maria - For

The motion passed unanimously (11 votes).

Comment 5:

Section 1.7.3.3: The third sentence reads that all analysts must count results on the same sample, when possible. As worded, claims can be made that it may not ever be possible. Suggestion for improvement: If it really should be required that all analysts count the same sample monthly, then delete the phrase “when possible.”

Previous discussion led towards the thought this is Persuasive. Changes were recommended, but the group was not ready to vote on this one. All available analysts that day will count the samples. The group will look at what was done previously and propose some changes by email.

Comment 4 & 11:

These two comments go together and Cody will send them out by email for discussion also.

Cody hopes to finish the Comment Summary next month.

6. New Business

7. Next Meeting and Close

The next meeting will be by teleconference on June 14, 2022, at 1:30pm Eastern.

A summary of action items and backburner/reminder items can be found in Attachment B and C.

Cody adjourned the meeting at 3:06 pm Eastern.

Attachment A

**Participants
Microbiology Expert Committee (MEC)**

Members	Affiliation	Balance	Contact Information
Cody Danielson (Chair) (2025) Present	Oklahoma	Lab	Cody.Danielson@deq.ok.gov
Matt Graves (2025*) Present	ERA	Other	Matt_graves@waters.com
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Amy Hackman (2025*) Present	Indiana	AB	mrobinson@isdh.IN.gov
Robin Cook (Vice Chair) (2024*) Present	City of Daytona Beach, EML	Lab	cookr@codb.us
Ashley Larssen (2024*) Present	KC Water	Lab	ashley.larssen@kcmo.org
Jody Frymire (2025) Present	IDEXX	Other	Jody-Frymire@idexx.com
Jessica Hoch (2025) Absent	TCEQ	Other	Jessica.hoch@tceq.texas.gov
Elisa Snyder (2023*) Absent	City of Austin – Austin Water Division	Lab	elisa.snyder@austintexas.gov
Hunter Adams (2023*) Present	City of Wichita Falls – Water Purification	Lab	hunter.adams@wichitafallstx.gov
Enoma Omoregie (2024) Present	NYC DOHMH	Lab	eomoregie@health.nyc.gov
Christabel Monteiro (2024) Present	Pace National, Analytical	Lab	christabel.monteiro@pacelabs.com
Robert Royce (2025*) Present	New Jersey	AB	Robert.royce@dep.nj.gov
Maria Friedman (2025*) Present	California	AB	qamfriedman@gmail.com
Ilona Taunton (Program Administrator) Present	The NELAC Institute	n/a	Ilona.taunton@nelac-institute.org

**Attachment B
Action Items – MEC**

	Action Item	Who	Expected Completion	Actual Completion
104	Implementation Guidance for Equilibrium.	Committee	TBD	See note in 5/11/21 minutes.
105	Discuss definition of Lot with Chair of CSDP EC.	Kasey Paul Junio	2/11/21	Started, but ongoing. 7/13/21: Remove
112	Develop Understanding Microbiology Course	Cody Committee	TBD	
113	Complete Response to Draft Comments Process	All	Ongoing	5/10/23: Voted on Comments: 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10
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Attachment C

Backburner / Reminders – MEC

	Item	Meeting Reference	Comments
1	Update charter (if needed) every 5 years.	n/a	Ongoing
2	Review Method codes and send comments to Robin for Dan Hickman.		Moved to back-burner on 6/9/20.
3	Provide an update on what has been done with the method codes and database after Jennifer's review and internal EPA meetings.		This was moved from the Action Items table. Notes: 6/9/20: Ask Jennifer for a follow-up. 11/9/20 – Not available for a follow-up.