

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

October 14, 2025

I Welcome and Roll Call:

Cody Danielson was unable to attend the meeting, so Robin Cook, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:30pm Eastern on October 14, 2025, by teleconference. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A – there were 11 members present. Associates present: Tiffany Carey, Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar, Anagha Chitre, Bryan Disch, Jody Frymire, Joe Guzman, Carl Kircher, Morgan Lawrence, and David Lo. Paul Junio attended as Program Administrator.

II Approval of Agenda

The information at the top of the meeting agenda isn't correct (the date, time and phone number). Teams reminders should be correct in case any of these changes, but maybe this should be deleted. With those comments, Robin declared the agenda approved.

III Approval of Meeting minutes

The Meeting minutes from the Committee's meeting on September 9, 2025 were emailed to all members along with the announcement for this meeting. Robin asked if there were any comments or corrections needed for the minutes. Hearing none, she accepted a motion from Maria Freidman and a second from Patsy Root to approve the minutes. Minutes were approved by all voting members in attendance.

IV. Discuss Comments related to revised DS

A portion of the draft Standard dealing with sterility has been discussed as a separate document. The committee worked through the various comments and resolved them. Section 8.2.1.1 a) was divided into two items as it captured two requirements. The (newly renamed) sections c, d, and e were tweaked, while section f was removed as redundant and potentially could cause confusion. That revision to 8.2.1.1 was inserted into the Draft Module 5.

Our next scheduled call falls on a holiday for some. An email regarding that date will be sent out to see what our scheduling options are. Having reached the end of the scheduled time, the meeting adjourned at 2:59 PM Eastern. A summary of action items and backburner/reminder items can be found in Attachment B.

Attachment A - Participants

Microbiology Expert Committee (MEC)

Name	Organization	Stakeholder	Email	Term Expires	Present
Hunter Adams	City of Wichita Falls	Lab	hunter.adams@wichitafallstx.gov	2026	
Nigel Allison	Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts	Lab	nallison@lacsdsd.org	2028*	X
Robin Cook (Vice Chair)	City of Daytona Beach	Lab	cookr@codb.us	2027	X
Cody Danielson (Chair)		Other	cody.danielson129@gmail.com	2028	
Maria Fayard	ORELAP	AB	maria.j.fayard@oha.oregon.gov	2026*	X
Maria Friedman	California ELAP	AB	qamfriedman@gmail.com	2028	X
Matt Graves	ERA	Other	matt_graves@waters.com	2028	X
Silky Labie	ELCAT	Other	elcatllc@centurylink.net	2026*	X
Ashley Larssen		Lab	aglenn870@gmail.com	2027	
Elizabeth Lesold	NYSDOH ELAP	AB	elizabeth.lesold@health.ny.gov	2027*	X
Brian Mercer	Brian Mercer	Lab	bmercerc@plantation.org	2027*	X
Patsy Root	IDEXX Water	Other	patsy-root@idexx.com	2027*	X
Robert Royce	New Jersey DEP	AB	Robert.Royce@dep.nj.gov	2028	X
Tina Shidel	Pace Analytical Services - Ormond Beach	Lab	tina.buttermore@pacelabs.com	2027*	
Elisa Snyder	City of Austin - Austin Water	Lab	elisa.snyder@austintexas.gov	2026	X
Paul Junio	The NELAC Institute	NA	paul.junio@nelac-institute.org		X

* - eligible to serve another term

**Attachment B
Action Items – MEC**

	Action Item	Who	Expected Completion	Actual Completion
104	Implementation Guidance for Temperature Distribution and Equilibrium.	Committee	TBD	See note in 5/11/21 minutes. 4/11/23: Working on Temperature Distribution. 7/11/23: Working on Equilibrium; Anticipated January 2024
113	Complete Response to Draft Comments Process	All	Voting is complete.	5/10/22: Voted on Comments: 2, 3, 7, 8, 9 and 10 6/14/22: Voted on Comments 5 and 6. 2/14/23: Final vote on 1, 4 and 11. 4/11/23: Need to post the document.
114	Work on Questions for the Credentialing Exam	Cody		Get to Jerry as soon as possible.
115	Committee motions, minutes, and votes as needed	Cody	Ongoing	Captured in meeting minutes whether in meeting or via email

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 Paul Junio.		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.