

Microbiology Expert Committee (MEC) Meeting Summary

May 12, 2026

I Welcome and Roll Call:

Cody Danielson called the meeting to order at 1:34pm Eastern on May 12, 2026, by teleconference. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A – there were 9 members present. Associates present: Tiffany Carey, Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar, Anagha Chitre, Kai Chung, Bryan Disch, Shannon Freedman, Hannah Herrick, Tammy Kreutzer, Morgan Lawrence, David Lo, Alma McCammond, Christabel Monteiro, Elisa Snyder, and Joshua Snyder. Paul Junio attended as Program Administrator.

II Approval of Agenda

Cody asked for any comments on the agenda. The Meeting agenda was incorrectly labeled 5/1/26; following the correction, the agenda was approved by consent.

III Approval of Meeting Minutes

May 4 Meeting minutes were not ready with sufficient time for review and approval prior to the meeting. Robin moved for an email vote on the minutes, and that was seconded by Elizabeth. *[Editor's note: Cody called for a vote to approve the May 4 meeting minutes via email on May 13. The Committee voted to approve the minutes (votes on 5/13 by Nigel, Robin, Matt, Silky, Brian, Patsy, Bob, Tina, and Katie; Liz voted to approve on 5/14,).]*

IV Finish discussion on Response to Comments and Revised Draft Standard

Comment 4 – persuasive – The use of the phrase ‘at least’ can be problematic in that the Standard is the minimum requirement. The committee chose to leave ‘at least’ in 7 sections following a review of its use.

Comment 22 – persuasive – The committee replaced ‘documentation’ with ‘method development, validation and verification of records’. This is also addressed in Module 2.

Comment 77 – non-persuasive – The reference to ‘this Standard’ is the correct format according to the SOP 2-103 Format and Style Guide for Consensus Standards.

Comment 89,90 – persuasive – These two comments were actually on section 8.2.1.2 and were addressed along with Comment 50 in July '25.

Comment 131 – non-persuasive – The Committee did make changes, but felt it had better wording than that submitted.

Having reached the end of comments, Cody asked the Committee to perform one last pass through the Module as a whole. She will be asking for approval of the Draft Module 5 soon. *[Editor's Note: Following a Motion by Robin and a Second by Tina on 5/18, voting on the Standard opened. The Standard passed with 12 votes affirmative (5/19 – Nigel, Cody, Brian, Tina, Katie, Elizabeth; 5/26 – Patsy; 5/28 – Maria Fayard, Matt, Silky, Bob; 5/29 - Robin) and 2 affirmative with comment (5/26 – Liz; 5/30 – Maria Friedman) The meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM Eastern.*

Attachment A - Participants

Microbiology Expert Committee (MEC)

Name	Organization	Stakeholder	Email	Term Expires	Present
Nigel Allison (Vice Chair)	Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts	Lab	nallison@lacsdsd.org	2028*	Yes
Robin Cook	City of Daytona Beach	Lab	cookr@codb.us	2027	Yes
Cody Danielson (Chair)		Other	cody.danielson129@gmail.com	2028	Yes
Maria Fayard	ORELAP	AB	maria.j.fayard@oha.oregon.gov	2029	Yes
Maria Friedman	California ELAP	AB	qamfriedman@gmail.com	2028	No
Matt Graves	ERA	Other	matt_graves@waters.com	2028	No
Silky Labie	ELCAT	Other	elcatllc@centurylink.net	2029	No
Liz Lesold	NYSDOH ELAP	AB	elizabeth.lesold@health.ny.gov	2027*	Yes
Brian Mercer	Brian Mercer	Lab	bmercerc@plantation.org	2027*	Yes
Patsy Root	IDEXX Water	Other	patsy-root@idexx.com	2027*	No
Robert Royce	New Jersey DEP	AB	Robert.Royce@dep.nj.gov	2028	Yes
Tina Shidel	Pace Analytical Services - Ormond Beach	Lab	tina.buttermore@pacelabs.com	2027*	Yes
Katie Strothman	Eurofins	Lab	katie.strothman@et.eurofinsus.com	2029*	No
Elizabeth Turner	Eurofins	Lab	elizabeth.turner@et.eurofinsus.com	2029*	Yes
Paul Junio	The NELAC Institute	NA	paul.junio@nelac-institute.org		Yes

* - eligible to serve another term