

Microbiology Expert Committee (MEC) Meeting Summary

July 21, 2026

I Welcome and Roll Call:

Cody Danielson called the meeting to order at 1:32pm Eastern on July 21, 2026, by teleconference. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A – there were 9 members present. Associates present: Christian Abalos, Stephanie Atkins, Debbie Bond, Antoine Chamsi, Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar, Kai Chung, Hannah Herrick, Rachel Hook, Tammy Kreutzer, David Lo, Ashley Roberts, Chelsea Smith, Elisa Snyder, and Joshua Snyder. Paul Junio attended as Program Administrator.

II Approval of Agenda

Cody asked for any comments on the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by consent.

III Review current Comments to DS, fill out Response to Comments Document

Cody opened the Response to Comments document for comments that have been received since the Draft Module 5 was posted. Comment period is open until July 31, 2026. [Later in the meeting, Paul commented that there COULD be comments received as a result of discussions at NEMC in Houston. While that would be after the comment period officially closed, the committee ought to accept any submitted comments, especially in light of the fact that this Module will not be the limiting factor to completing the process of revising all of the Technical Modules.] Cody also brought up on screen the current draft of Module 5. Some of the suggestions are already accepted as editorial changes due to the nature of the submittal (incorrect header in the document, for example).

Comments 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, and 8 were affirmed as editorial.

Comment 4 – Non-persuasive – The Committee used the word ‘purchased’ with intent, to avoid a requirement on laboratories to meet this requirement for containers that originated in another laboratory.

Comment 5 – Non-persuasive – The Committee intentionally used ‘and’ rather than ‘or’ so that all of purchased, provided and used must happen.

Comment 9 – Non-persuasive – This is not a comment, rather a question.

Comment 10 – Non-persuasive – This is not a comment, rather a question.

Having reached the end of comments, Cody asked whether the training that will be provided by the Committee will be live or recorded. Paul explained that when the 2016 Standard was rolled out, a live session was offered at the conference in Houston in January, 2017. The was also taped and is still available on the TNI website. It is possible that we could do the same this time. The timing will depend on when all of the Modules are completed. The meeting adjourned at 2:01 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@lacsds.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	Yes
Silky Labie	ELCAT	Other	elcatllc@centurylink.net	2029	Yes
Liz Lesold	NYSDOH ELAP	AB	elizabeth.lesold@health.ny.gov	2027*	No
Brian Mercer	Brian Mercer	Lab	bmercerc@plantation.org	2027*	Yes
Patsy Root	IDEXX Water	Other	patsy-root@idexx.com	2027*	Yes
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*	No
Paul Junio	The NELAC Institute	NA	paul.junio@nelac-institute.org		Yes

* - eligible to serve another term