

**Proficiency Testing Expert Committee
Meeting Summary
January 9, 2026**

The Committee met via teleconference on Friday, January 9, 2026 at 11:00 AM ET. The call was recorded with Microsoft Teams for the sole purpose of preparing meeting minutes and will be deleted after their production. Chair, Carol Gebhart led the meeting.

Roll Call

Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar (Chandra), FLDEP (Lab)	Present
Ron Houck, PA DEP (AB)	Absent
Amy Pollard, Geogia Pacific (Lab)	Present
Ryan Pangelinan, State of Oregon (AB)	Present
Rachel Ellis, NJ DEP (AB)	Present
Carol Gebhart, ALS Global (lab)-Chair	Present
Amy DeMarco, NYSDOH (Other)	Present
Hei Man Barrio, Los Angeles County Sanitation District (lab)	Present
Nick Slawson, A2LA (Other)-Vice-Chair	Present
Marina Aziz, NYSDOH (AB)	Absent
Patrick Selig, ANAB (AB)	Absent
Brian Stringer, ERA (Other)	Present
Danielle Pearman, Phenova (Other)	Present
Taryn Hurley, OK DEQ (AB)	Present
Robert Wyeth, Program Administrator	Present

A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded as per the attached agenda.

Associate Committee Member Jennifer McClaren was also present.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda is presented as Attachment 1 and was approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of November minutes

After an email request for balloting on the previously presented November meeting minutes, a majority of the committee approved the minutes following a motion from Taryn and a second by Brian. November minutes will be forwarded to William for posting.



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Review and approval of December minutes

The draft of the December minutes was previously provided to the committee for review. The minutes were motioned for approval without any changes by Taryn, seconded by Chandra, and unanimously accepted by PTEC members present. December minutes will be forwarded to William for posting.



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Committee Leadership and Associate Participation

The current roster of the committee was presented and updated for 2026. Both Carol and Nick were reelected as Chair and Vice Chair, respectively. It was noted that Rachel and Amy Pollard are scheduled to rotate off the committee following completion of their 2nd term. Both expressed their interest in a 3rd term in order to facilitate the completion of the committee's current standard development activity. Bob will present this request for 3rd terms to the CSDP EC. Both however will remain active in the PTEC activities.

Bob will also, as per SOP 2-100 requirements, solicit all Associate members for their continuing interest to serve on the PTEC and if any are interested in serving in a full/voting member capacity on the committee.

Boston meeting presentation review and approval.

The draft of the presentation that is planned to be used in Boston was presented to the committee for review. After a few minor updates and corrections, the committee approved the PowerPoint for use as presented below.



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Review of comments received to date EL V4 R2C

Bob reviewed the response to comments process and how the form was utilized. Carol then “sorted” the comments by section to eliminate repetitive review of comments for a particular section of the DS. The attached spreadsheet presents the committees response to the comments submitted through Section



Response to
Comment Form_EL V4

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM ET. The next meeting of the PTEC will be on January 13, 2026 during the Forum on Environmental Accreditation in Boston, MA. The next conference call is scheduled for February 6, 2026 at 11:00 AM ET utilizing Microsoft Teams.

Attachment 1

TNI Proficiency Testing Expert Committee Agenda

1/9/2026

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM EST

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of November minutes
4. Review and approval of December minutes
5. Committee Leadership and Associate Participation
6. Boston meeting presentation review and approval.
7. Review of comments received to date EL V4 R2C
8. Status EL-V3
 - a. Proposal for including minimal PT Study report requirements.
9. New/Old Business

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