

**Proficiency Testing Expert Committee
Meeting Summary
February 6, 2026**

The Committee met via teleconference on Friday, February 6, 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)	Absent
Hei Man Barrio, Los Angeles County Sanitation District (lab)	Absent
Nick Slawson, A2LA (Other)-Vice-Chair	Absent
Marina Aziz, NYSDOH (AB)	Absent
Patrick Selig, ANAB (AB)	Present
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 Members Shari Pfalmer, Nadine Lewis, Tim Miller, Shayne Cole, and Claire Toon were also present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of January minutes

After minor editorial correction, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Taryn and seconded by Chandra. The January 9, 2026 minutes were unanimously approved and will be forwarded to William for posting.



Review of the Boston meeting

A copy of the summary of the Boston meeting was presented and reviewed by the committee. The document was, after separation from the PTPEC information and the addition of attendance information, approved for submittal to William for posting. A copy of the final summary document is attached.



2026 Boston Meeting
Summary.docx

Committee Leadership

The committee was advised that the required request for a 3rd term of service for Amy Pollard and Rachel Ellis had been submitted to the CSDP EC. Assuming the request will be approved, the PTEC stands at 14 voting members. It was also reported that all associate members had responded positively to continuing to serve on the PTEC. Two new associate members have also joined the committee; Nadine Lewis of PT Canada and Claire Toon from Waters Corp.

Review of comments received to date EL V4 R2C

Carol presented the R2C to the committee and described some minor highlighted information. The decision of the committee, as opposed to approval at this meeting, was to have the R2C re-distributed to all members for a last review. Approval, with any necessary modifications, will occur at the March meeting. Carol also volunteered to embed the R2C responses for persuasive comments into the DS. Her efforts in this regard should provide for an effective means to not only conclude this phase of the R2C process but also ease the preparation of the revised DS. She advised that this compilation will be distributed prior to the March meeting.



Response to
Comment Form_EL V4

Status of EL V3

Continuing review of the committee's current version of EL V3 began at §5.7. Comments from the review/discussion are noted in the attached. One particular issue of note was the use of the term "current effective" versus "effective" when used with FoPT usage. The problem was reported to be primarily because of the failure of the website to be "up to date." The consensus of the PTEC was that the term should simply be "effective" and that "current effective" was confusing and unnecessary.

The committee believes that the PTP EC should apply whatever influence is available to them to ensure that FoPT tables on the website are appropriately maintained and updated as these are an important source of information for PT users.

A copy of EL V3 changes is included in the attached.



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New/Old Business

Carol advised the committee that she had become an associate member of the PTP EC to ensure coordination between the committees and to address the issue of technology versus method.

Closed Session for Member Election

The Resume/Bio of the candidate for the open voting member position will be distributed upon receipt. Discussion and balloting, if appropriate, will occur during the March PTEC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM ET. The next conference call is scheduled for March 6, 2026 at 11:00 AM ET utilizing Microsoft Teams.

Attachment 1

TNI Proficiency Testing Expert Committee Agenda

2/6/2026

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM EST

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of January 9, 2026 minutes
4. Review of Boston Meeting
5. Committee Membership
6. Review of comments received to date EL V4 R2C
7. Status EL-V3
8. New/Old Business
9. Closed Session for member election

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