

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

The Committee met via teleconference on Friday, March 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, Georgia 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)	Absent
Robert Wyeth, Program Administrator	Present

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

Associate Committee Members Nadine Lewis and Claire Toon were also present.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda is presented as Attachment 1 and was approved by unanimous consent. A number of New Business items were also presented.

Approval of February minutes

After minor editorial correction, a motion to approve the February 6,2026 minutes was made by Amy Pollard and seconded by Chandra. Minutes were unanimously approved and will be forwarded to William for posting.



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Committee Membership

The required request for a 3rd term of service for Amy Pollard and Rachel Ellis has been approved by the CSDP EC. The PTEC stands at 14 voting members. Attempts to solicit a final (15th) member have been unsuccessful. Jennifer

MacLaren of the CA Waterboard who originally sought voting membership status has removed her name from consideration based upon other professional commitments.

Review of comments received to date EL V4 R2C

Carol presented the R2C to the committee and reviewed the spreadsheet in detail. She presented the file and discussed the editorial comments, the non-persuasive comments, and the persuasive comments. Discussion of each resulted in some minor changes particularly in the “justification” column and the “committee action” column. The R2C with these minor changes, following a motion by Danielle and a second by Chandra was unanimously approved by the committee.

The most recent version of the DS under review is also presented below.

The final R2C will be posted (without commentor identification) on the TNI website with an announcement of a pending revised Draft Standard. The commenters will also be advised separately of the committee’s resolution of their comments.



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EL V4 update with
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Status of EL V3

Continuing review of the committee’s current version of EL V3 began at §5.9. Comments from the review/discussion are noted in the attached. A copy of EL V3 changes is included in the attached.



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New/Old Business

Bob advised the committee of 3 administrative matters for their information and /or consideration. The first was a decision by the BoD on committee naming conventions. Executive committee will utilize the name of the program followed by a single space and the initial EC while Expert Committee will discontinue any use of the express EC and simply refer to the actual committee’s name (i.e., PT committee, Proficiency Testing Committee or Proficiency Committee as opposed to PTEC).

The second matter was to advise that Bob would draft for Carol’s approval an abbreviated agenda for use in the TNI NEMC meeting in August in Houston. This will not require any other committee action.

Lastly, Ilona has made a request for volunteers to assist with PTPA evaluations. Bob will forward Ilona’s request to all PT committee members.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM ET. The next conference call is scheduled for April 3, 2026 at 11:00 AM ET utilizing Microsoft Teams.

Attachment 1

TNI Proficiency Testing Expert Committee Agenda

3/6/2026

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM EST

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of February 6, 2026 minutes
4. Committee Membership
5. Review of comments received to date EL V4 R2C
6. Status EL-V3
7. New/Old Business

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