

**Proficiency Testing Expert Committee
Meeting Summary
April 3, 2026**

The Committee met via teleconference on Friday, April 3, 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)	Absent
Rachel Ellis, NJ DEP (AB)	Absent
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	Absent
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 Members Tim Miller, Shari Pfalmer, and Claire Toon were also present.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda is presented as Attachment 1 and was, after a minor editorial correction, approved by unanimous consent. As a quorum was not immediately achieved, other agenda items were conducted before the approval of the March Minutes.

Approval of March Minutes

After minor editorial corrections, a motion to approve March 6, 2026, minutes was made by Brian and seconded by Chandra. Minutes were unanimously approved with an abstention from Taryn and will be forwarded to William for posting.



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Status of EL V4 R2C

The final R2C has not yet been posted as a few “administrative” items, not requiring committee attention or approval need to be resolved. The final R2C is now completed and will be posted within the next week (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.



PT Expert-ELV4 R2C
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Continued Review of EL V3

Continuing review of the committee’s current version of EL V3 began at §5.9. The review and discussion focused on how PTPs manage evaluation of Study data with bimodal and/or multi-modal distributions as an element of their evaluation scheme. The committee ultimately came to resolution on new language for data review. Specifically, §5.9.1.1 and 5.9.1.2 were approved while §5.9.1.3 was removed after including its requirements in §5.9.1.1.

Continuing review of EL V3 will resume during the May meeting at §5.9.2.

Update EL V4

No time remained for efforts to update EL V4 relative to comments regarded as persuasive.

New/Old Business

The committee hopes to have EL V3 and a revised EL V4 posted prior to the August meeting in Houston. To accomplish this goal, Carol established additional meetings each month. The first such additional meeting is being scheduled for April 15, 2026, at 11:00 AM ET. The only topic for that meeting will be the updates to EL V4. Other administrative issues will be addressed during the regularly scheduled May meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM ET. The next regularly scheduled conference call will be on May 1, 2026, at 11:00 AM ET utilizing Microsoft Team.

Attachment 1

TNI Proficiency Testing Expert Committee Agenda

4/3/2026

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM EST

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Ma 6,2026 minutes
4. Status of EL-V4 R2C
5. Continued review of EL-V3
6. Updating EL-V4 (time permitting)

7. New/Old Business
 - a. Meeting schedule

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