

**Proficiency Testing Expert Committee  
Meeting Summary  
May 1, 2026**

The Committee met via teleconference on Friday, May 1, 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**

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| Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar (Chandra), FLDEP (Lab)          | Present |
| Ron Houck, PA DEP (AB)                                       | Absent  |
| Amy Pollard, Georgia Pacific (Lab)                           | Absent  |
| 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 Members Tim Miller, Shari Pfalmer, Jennifer McClaren and Nadine Lewis were also present.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda is presented as Attachment 1 and was, after a minor editorial correction, approved by unanimous consent.

**Approval of April Minutes**

After minor editorial corrections, a motion to approve April 3, 2026, and the April 15, 2026, minutes was made by Taryn and seconded by Danielle. Minutes were unanimously approved and will be forwarded to William for posting.

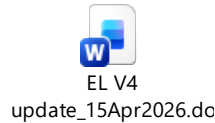


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Discussions at the 4/15/2026 ad-hoc meeting resulted in revisions to EL V4 as presented below.



### **Continued Review of EL V3**

Continuing review of the committee's current version of EL V3 began at §5.9. 2. Carol led the discussion through section §5.9.2 of the DS. The effort ended with language modifications up to and including §5.2.9.2. The committee will continue at § 5.9.3 during the June meeting.



### **Updating EL-V4 (time permitting)**

No time remained for discussion of updates to the DS of EL V4.

### **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 will establish additional meetings each month. The next ad-hoc EL V4 meeting is being scheduled for May 8, 2026 at 1:00 PM ET. The only topic for that meeting will be the updates to EL V4. Other administrative issues will be addressed during the regularly scheduled June meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM ET. The next regularly scheduled conference call will be on June 5, 2026 at 11:00 AM ET utilizing Microsoft Team.

## **Attachment 1**

### **TNI Proficiency Testing Expert Committee Agenda**

**5/1/2026**

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM EST**

1. Roll Call
  2. Approval of Agenda
  3. Approval of April 3, 2026 minutes and presentation of April 15, 2026 Special Meeting Summary
  4. Continued review of EL-V3
  5. Updating EL-V4 (time permitting)
  6. New/Old Business
    - a. Meeting schedule
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