

**Proficiency Testing Expert Committee
Meeting Summary
July 10, 2026**

The Committee met via teleconference on Friday, July 10, 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)	Absent
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	Present
Marina Aziz, NYSDOH (AB)	Present
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	Absent

A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded. Paul Junio provided administrative support in Bob's absence.

Associate Committee Members Tim Miller, Fred Anderson, and Nadine Lewis were also present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of June Minutes

The minutes from June 5 and June 26, 2026 meetings of the committee will be presented prior to the next teleconference. Review and approval are tabled till that time.

Summary of change/justification document EL V4

The committee was presented with the final version of the summary of change document for review. After reviewing and a few minor edits and editorial corrections, a motion to approve the document was made by Danielle and seconded by Taryn. The motion required a 2/3 vote of members. Nine voting members approved the document but that was insufficient for a 2/3

majority. An email was sent to all members and email ballots were returned to approve the change document. This approved document will be posted with the Revised DS once approved.

Final Review of EL V4

Carol shared the final version of the Revised DS and reviewed the document with the committee. The version reviewed had been edited for compliance with the style guide and included all changes resulting from the R2C activities as well as the comments and suggestions of the committee members.

After a few editorial corrections and changes primarily to improve clarity, a motion was made Taryn and seconded by Chandra to approve the changes proposed for the Revised DS and to prepare the document for posting and public comment. All full members of the committee are required to vote on the standard. Not all members were present at the meeting, but the votes of all members were secured by email ballot and are presented in the following vote tally.

Committee Member	Vote	Date
Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar (Chandra), FLDEP (Lab)	Aye	7/10/2026
Ron Houck, PA DEP (AB)	Aye	7/29/2026
Amy Pollard, Georgia Pacific (Lab)	Aye	7/29/2026
Ryan Pangelinan, State of Oregon (AB)	Aye	7/24/2026
Rachel Ellis, NJ DEP (AB)	Aye	7/20/2026
Carol Gebhart, ALS Global (lab)-Chair	Aye	7/10/2026
Amy DeMarco, NYSDOH (Other)	Aye	7/10/2026
Heiman Barrio, LA County Sanitation District (lab)	Aye	7/10/2026
Nick Slawson, A2LA (Other)-Vice-Chair	Aye	7/10/2026
Marina Aziz, NYSDOH (AB)	Aye	7/10/2026
Patrick Selig, ANAB (AB)	Aye	7/24/2026
Brian Stringer, ERA (Other)	Aye	7/10/2026
Danielle Pearman, Phenova (Other)	Aye	7/10/2026
Taryn Hurley, OK DEQ (AB)	Aye	7/10/2026

Summary of change/justification document EL V3

No time remaining for addressing this agenda item. Efforts to finalize will be pursued during the Houston meeting and in a yet to be scheduled meeting later in August following the public meeting in Houston.

Continuing review of EL V3

No time remaining for addressing this agenda item. Efforts to finalize will be pursued during the Houston meeting and in a yet to be scheduled meeting later in August following the public meeting in Houston.

Houston Meeting

Carol discussed the presentation to be made in Houston. She advised that the basic presentation will be similar in form to that previously presented. As EL V4 will be published for public comment prior to the meeting the majority of the committee's limited time will likely focus on EL V3.

New/Old Business

Carol reminded attendees of the Houston meeting schedule, registration deadlines, and limitations on hotel rooms.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM ET. The next regularly scheduled conference call will be September 4, 2026 at 11:00 AM ET. An additional ad-hoc meeting solely for efforts to finalize EL V3 will likely be scheduled in late August following the meeting in Houston

Attachment 1

TNI Proficiency Testing Expert Committee Agenda

7/10/2026

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of June 5, 2026 and June 26, 2026 ad-hoc meeting
4. Summary of Change Document EL V4
5. Final Review of EL V4
6. Summary of Change Document EL V3
7. Continuing review of EL V3
8. Agenda for Houston Meeting
9. New/Old Business

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