

**Proficiency Testing Expert Committee
Meeting Summary
July 11, 2025**

The Committee met via teleconference on Friday, July 11, 2025, at 11:00 AM ET. Chair Carol Gebhart led the meeting. The call was recorded with Microsoft Teams for the sole purpose of preparing meeting minutes and will be deleted after their production.

Roll Call

Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar (Chandra), FLDEP (Lab)	Present
Ron Houck, PA DEP (AB)	Present
Amy Pollard, Geogia 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	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	Present

A quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded.

Associate Committee Members Charles Faulk, Tim Miller, Jasmina Kuljanac, and Shari Pfalmer were also present.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was previously provided and is presented in Attachment 1. At the request of the Chair, New/Old Business was moved ahead of discussion on EL-V3 in order to handle a few issues prior to focusing the remaining time on V3 discussion. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Approval of June 27, 2025 Minutes

The draft minutes of June 27, 2025, meeting were presented and reviewed. After a few minor editorial corrections, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Taryn and seconded by Chandra. The June 27th minutes were unanimously approved by the members present. The minutes will be submitted to William for posting.

PTEC meeting at the Environmental Measurements Symposium

Carol presented the proposed PowerPoint for the PTEC meeting in St. Louis. After review, comment and corrections, the PowerPoint as presented below was approved by the committee.



Status of EL-V4

Bob reported that the DS EL-V4-2025-Rev. 3.0 has been posted with a 90-day comment period. The comment period closes September 20, 2025. No comments have been received to date.

New/Old Business

Two issues were presented for the committee's discussion. The first was the definitions of matrix, and technology that are being addressed by the QMS Expert Committee. The outcome of decisions from the QMS may impact upon language in the PTEC volumes/Modules. Carol will continue to follow up on this issue and will communicate with the QMS Chair to obtain copies of any revised language for these terms and clarification from Paul Junio on how these terms will appear in the TNI glossary.

The second issue was the discussion of handling of non-normal PT results. During previous discussions the use of "median" as opposed to "mean" was presented. Carol brought the issue to the attention of others including the CSDP EC. It was suggested that the PTEC volunteer to participate on the PTPEC's SOP Subcommittee as they are currently reviewing SOP 4-101, which dictates how the criteria for PT are developed and implemented by PTPs. Chandra agreed to review the work of this subcommittee and provide inputs and recommendations as well as providing information back to the PTEC.

The committee also directed Carol to contact the PTPEC and request attendance at their next meeting to present the topic of non-normality to get guidance from them as to whether or not it should be included in EL-V3.

Review of EL V3; include PTPEC comments and suggestions

As no time remained to address the Review of EL-V3, a motion to adjourn was presented by Brian and seconded by Taryn. During the discussion following the motion, Bob suggested that the next meeting of the PTEC have an abbreviated agenda with most administrative matters tabled to after the St. Louis meeting. The July 25th meeting will focus on as much of EL-V3 as is possible in preparation for the ST. Louis meeting. At the next meeting the continuing review will begin with ELV-3 § 4.0



The meeting adjourned at 12: 30 PM ET. The next meeting of the PTEC will be on July 25, 2025, at 11:00 PM ET utilizing Microsoft Teams.

Attachment 1

TNI Proficiency Testing Expert Committee Agenda

07/11/2025

11:00 AM – 12:30 PM EST

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of June 27, 2025 minutes
4. Status of EL-V4
5. PTEC meeting at the Environmental Measurements Symposium
6. New/Old Business
7. Review of EL V3; include PTPEC comments and suggestions

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