

**Draft**  
**Proficiency Testing Expert Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**October 6, 2023**

The Committee met via teleconference on Friday, October 6, 2023 at 11:00 AM ET. Chair Kirstin Daigle led the meeting. The call was scheduled to be recorded with Microsoft Teams for preparation of meeting minutes however the recording was blank. The recording will be deleted.

**Roll Call**

Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar (Chandra), FLDEP (Lab)	Present
Susan Jackson, SC DHEC (Lab)	Present
Reggie Morgan, Hampton Roads San. Distr. (Lab)	Present
Amy Pollard, Occidental Chemical (Lab)	Absent
Kirstin Daigle, Pace Analytical (Lab) – Chair	Present
Ryan Pangelinan, State of Oregon (AB)	Present
Rachel Ellis, NJ DEP (AB)	Present
Amy DeMarco, NYSDOH (Other)	Present
Patrick Selig, ANAB (AB)	Present
Jim Todaro, Alpha Analytical (Lab) - Vice Chair	Absent
Brian Stringer, ERA (Other)	Present
Danielle Pearman, Phenova (Other)	Present
Mike Delaney, MWRA-Retired (Other)	Absent
Marie Wu, Los Angeles County Sanitation District (Lab)	Present
Robert Wyeth, Program Administrator	Present

A quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded.

Associate Committee Members: ~~Tim Miller~~, Fred Anderson, and Taryn Hurley. Fred was also representing the PTPEC regarding discussion of Iso 17043.

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was previously provided and is presented in Attachment 1. The agenda was approved by the committee after tabling of the item on ~~erecredentialing~~, [credentialing](#).

**Approval of September, 2023 Minutes**

The September, 2023 minutes were previously distributed. Upon review and following one editorial correction, a motion was made by Danielle and seconded by Reggie to approve the September minutes. The motion to unanimously approved by the members present. The September minutes are presented below



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### Quality Manager Credentialing Questions

This item was tabled until the November meeting. Bob will communicate with PTEC members regarding volunteers to provide questions for Quality Manger credentialing by TNI.

### ISO 17043 Discussion

A revised ISO 17043 has been released. The impacts on PTP and PTPA (V3 and V4, respectively) have yet to be determined, if any. Pat described the revised 17043 and the potential difficulties/concerns for TNI stakeholders.

It was reported that there were no glaring conflicts between 17043:2023 and TNI V3 and V4. However, it was further suggested that a formal crosswalk between the two versions of 17043 and the PT volumes and modules of the TNI Standard be undertaken.

### Draft Standard Working Group Updates

~~While the two work groups have not met since the August meeting, B~~both work groups believe their efforts are ready to be presented to the whole committee for consideration. It was agreed that the committee's efforts will focus on review of the V3/V4. The plan is to have for presentation in the TNI Winter meeting, a preliminary DS for V3 and/or V4 for public comment/discussion.

Amy Demarco, the leader of the V3/V4 work group, will meet with her group and attempt to present to the committee, prior to the November call, a version of V3 and/or V4 for committee consideration.

There was extensive discussion regarding the proper use of normative references and the impact of removing the year associated with ISO Standard references. Kirstin volunteered to follow up with Paul Junio to get information about how the terms "references" and "normative references" were being used in the other volumes/modules.

The debate over whether to keep or remove the year references , is unresolved. If the year associated with the ISO reference is removed and replaced with "current version", then there may be discrepancies between the language in V3/V4 and the current version. If the year of the ISO Standard is retained; then current requirements and practice may be out of sync with the new ISO version. Consequently, PTP need to comply with both versions. Kirstin noted this dilemma is not unique to V3/V4 or to PT; this situation presently exists with V1/V2. V1/V2 incorporate by reference the 2005 version of ISO/IEC 17025. The current version of ISO/IEC 17025 that was released in 2017 is substantially different than the prior version.

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It was suggested that the best solution would be to simply require PTP to be ISO accredited; a solution that the committee thought might be controversial. Further discussion and stakeholder input is needed.

#### **New/Old Business**

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Neither new nor old business was presented for discussion.

The PTEC meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM ET. The next meeting of the PTEC is scheduled for November 3, 2023 at 11:00 AM ET.

#### **Attachment 1**

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

**10/6/2023**

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM EST**

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of September Minutes
4. Quality Manager credentialing questions – **Tabled till November call**
5. ISO 17043 Discussion; Crosswalk with TNI and versions of 17043?
6. Draft Standard Working Group Updates
7. New Business