

**Proficiency Testing Expert Committee  
Meeting Summary  
November 7, 2025**

The Committee met via teleconference on Friday, November 7, 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)	Absent
Ron Houck, PA DEP (AB)	Absent
Amy Pollard, Geogia Pacific (Lab)	Present
Ryan Pangelinan, State of Oregon (AB)	Absent
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	Absent
Marina Aziz, NYSDOH (AB)	Absent
Patrick Selig, ANAB (AB)	Absent
Brian Stringer, ERA (Other)	Present
Danielle Pearman, Phenova (Other)	Absent
Taryn Hurley, OK DEQ (AB)	Present
Robert Wyeth, Program Administrator	Present

A quorum was not present. The meeting proceeded on an informational basis.

Associate Committee Members Tim Miller, Jennifer McClaren, and Shari Pfalmer and Shayne Cole was also present.

**Approval of Agenda,**

The agenda was previously presented and is attached as Attachment 1. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

**Review and Approval of Minutes**

Due to failures to attain quorums at the last two meetings, minutes from September, October and November minutes were presented for review as was the summary of the meeting at the Environmental Measurements Symposium held in St. Louis.

In the absence of a quorum once again, these minutes were not finalized. They were reviewed by those in attendance and with minor editorial changes and/or corrections were moved for approval by e-mail ballot. A motion to approve the August 4 EMS Summary, and September 5, 2025 minutes, with minor editorial changes, were made by Brain and seconded by Taryn. The October 3, 2025 minutes, as edited, were motioned for approval Amy Pollard and seconded by Taryn. A motion was made by Brain and seconded by Amy Pollard to accept the October 24, 2025 minutes as edited. These four sets of documents will be submitted to PTEC members for an email ballot to approve each document. Upon receipt of said ballots, all approved minutes will

be forwarded to William for posting. Any minutes not approved will be returned to the committee for further review.



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### **Status of EL V3; Technology Definition**

Carol and Bob reviewed the previous discussions on use of the term “Technology” and noted that further considerations regarding EL V3 are not necessary but will again be addressed in review of EL V1M1. Bob also reported that he and Carol had communicated the PTEC’s concerns related to the use of this term. Correspondence/discussion suggested that the consensus of the PTEC that ABs were not compliant with the standard. Bob pointed out that the standard speaks to “method/technology” or “method or technology” and that ABs were complaint with the requirements of the standard. He further requested that the language in the minutes of the October 24, 2025 minutes being changed from “It was the consensus of the committee that ABs are not compliant with the TNI requirements of the standard” to “It was the concern of the committee that ABs may not be compliant with the TNI requirements”. After continuing discussion it was, despite the issue of technology vs. method, the consensus of the committee that ABs were compliant with the requirements of the standard.

Carol noted that the committee had not completed its review of EL V3. The committee subsequently continued at section 5.3 of the EL V3 to modify and approve language changes to correct/clarify the requirements for PT providers. The changes made are presented in the version on the volume as presented below. The committee will continue this review during the December meeting beginning with section 5.5.3.



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### **Review of Comments Received to Date (R2C).**

No time remained to address this agenda item.

### **New/Old Business**

No time remained to address this agenda item.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM ET. on a unanimous vote of members present following a motion by Taryn and a second by Amy DeMarco. The December meeting of the PTEC is scheduled for December 5, 2025, at 11:00 AM ET utilizing Microsoft Teams.

## **Attachment 1**

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

**11/7/2025**

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM EST**

1. Roll Call

2. Approval of Agenda
  3. Review and approval of minutes
    - Summary of Summer Meeting
    - September 5, 2025
    - October 3, 2025
    - October 24, 2025
  4. Status EL-V3
    - Technology definition
  5. Review of comments received to date (R2C)
  6. New/Old Business
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