

**Proficiency Testing Expert Committee
Meeting Summary
September 4, 2026**

The Committee met via teleconference on Friday, September 4, 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)	Present
Ryan Pangelinan, State of Oregon (AB)	Absent
Rachel Ellis, NJ DEP (AB)	Present
Carol Gebhart, ALS Group USA (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)	Present
Taryn Hurley, OK DEQ (AB)	Present
Robert Wyeth, Program Administrator	Absent

A quorum was present and the meeting proceeded

Associate Committee Member Tim Miller was also present.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from June 5, June 26 and July 10, 2026 meetings of the committee were presented for review and approval. All three meeting minutes were unanimously approved with minor editorial corrections in the July minutes. The 6/5 minutes were motioned for approval by Taryn and seconded by Danielle. The 6/26 minutes were motioned for approval by Taryn and seconded by Amy DeMarco. The 7/10 minutes were motioned for approval by Brian and seconded by Taryn.

The summary of the Houston Public Meeting of the PTEC will be posted as presented with a few editorial corrections.

Meeting Date and Time, Frequency

As attaining a quorum has become more difficult, Carol queried the members as to a willingness to modify our meeting schedule. The decision was ultimately made to change the regular meeting schedule to the 1st Wednesday of each month at 11:00 AM ET. The previously agreed to Ad-Hoc meetings (solely for work directly related to the revision of the applicable modules and associated materials) will be scheduled on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM ET. Both meetings will continue to utilize Microsoft Teams. New meetings will be established in Teams and previously scheduled meetings deleted. **Members are advised to carefully review the Team's invitations** and note the possibly new call-in numbers and adjust their personal schedules accordingly.

The next Ad-Hoc meeting is scheduled for Thursday September 17 at 11:00 AM ET utilizing a new Microsoft Teams invitation.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 7 at 11:00 AM ET utilizing a new Microsoft Teams invitation.

Status of EL V4

The revised EL V4 was approved by the committee and posted on the website with the justification document. The comment for public comment closes on September 29, 2026. No comments have been received to date.

Summary of change document EL V3

Discussion on EL V3 began with discussion of definitions being utilized in the PT volumes and modules. It was noted that ISO had modified a number of definitions relevant to the PT standards and modules. Discussion concerning the implications of ISO changes in these definitions will continue during future meetings.

No time remained for addressing the change document for EL V3. Efforts to finalize will be pursued during future meetings.

Continuing Review of EL V3

No time remained to address this agenda item

New/Old Business

No new or old business was presented.

As the agenda had not been completed, adjournment was motioned by Brian and seconded by Danielle. The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM ET. An ad-hoc meeting solely for efforts to finalize EL V3 has been scheduled for September 17, 2026 at 11:00 AM ET. The next regularly scheduled conference call will be October 7, 2026 at 11:00 AM ET

Attachment 1

TNI Proficiency Testing Expert Committee Agenda

9/04/2026

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of June 5, 2026, June 26, 2026, July 10, 2026 meetings and Houston Summary
4. Meeting date, time and frequency
5. Status of EL V4
6. Summary of Change Document EL V3
7. Continuing review of EL V3
8. New/Old Business