



## **DNA Subcommittee**

**August 1, 2025**

**Empire State Development**  
655 Third Ave. New York, NY 10017

**Videoconference Locations:**  
107 College Place, LSB 120, Syracuse, NY

**9:03 AM – 10:33 AM**

### **DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

#### **DNA Subcommittee Members in Attendance:**

Michael Coble, Ph.D.<sup>1</sup>  
Kathleen Corrado, Ph.D.  
Katherine Gettings, Ph.D.  
Jenifer Smith, Ph.D.  
Amanda Sozer, Ph.D.

#### **DCJS Staff in Attendance:**

Taylor Aaron  
Colleen Glavin, Esq.  
Janine Kava  
Katherine Mayberry  
Shelley Palmer  
Brianna Robinson  
Lindsey Rockwell  
Matthew Schrantz, Esq.  
Elizabeth Suparmanto

#### **Other Attendees:**

Kyra McKay- NYC OCME Department of Forensic Biology  
Craig O'Connor- NYC OCME Department of Forensic Biology  
Meredith Rosenberg- NYC OCME Department of Forensic Biology  
Tiffany Vasquez- NYC OCME Department of Forensic Biology

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with a resolution and related procedures regarding the use of videoconferencing under extraordinary circumstances, which were adopted by the DNA Subcommittee on May 12, 2023 and added to its bylaws, Michael Coble participated by videoconferencing from a private location due to extraordinary circumstances and, thus, shall not count toward quorum, but was able to participate and vote as there was a quorum of members at physical location(s) open to the public.

The Chair, Dr. Coble, opened the meeting by stating that the DNA Subcommittee was conducting its meeting in hybrid with members present both in New York City and virtually. Dr. Coble then conducted a roll call to take attendance, and a quorum was established with four voting members (Corrado, Gettings, Smith, and Sozer); one member participated from a private location due to extraordinary circumstances (Coble<sup>1</sup>).

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Dr. Coble then asked for a motion to approve the August 1, 2025, agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Gettings, and approved with five votes (Coble, Corrado, Gettings, Smith, and Sozer).

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The Chair then asked Subcommittee members for questions or comments on the minutes from the May 2, 2025, meeting of the Subcommittee. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Sozer, seconded by Dr. Gettings, and approved unanimously.

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Next, the Subcommittee reviewed Accreditation/Laboratory updates from Erie County Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory, Monroe County Crime Laboratory, New York City OCME Department of Forensic Biology, New York State Police Crime Laboratory, and Westchester County Department of Laboratories and Research Division of Forensic Science. Representatives from the laboratories were available to answer questions as needed.

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The Chair then moved to Old Business. A verbal update was provided by Ms. Palmer on the Partial Match and Familial Search programs. There were no updates regarding CODIS Bulletins. The subgroups completed their reviews of the NIST Interagency report *Forensic DNA Interpretation and Human Factors: Improving Practice Through a Systems Approach* and the *DNA Mixture Interpretation: A NIST Scientific Foundation Review* and created letters for review.

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A motion was made by Dr. Smith to approve the letter written by the subgroup regarding the NIST Interagency report *Forensic DNA Interpretation and Human Factors: Improving Practice Through a Systems Approach* and send it to the Commission on Forensic Science; pending minor non-substantive changes and edits, determination if ISO standards will remain in letter, and the addition of a statement of non-participation by Dr. Gettings. The motion was seconded by Dr. Coble and approved with 4 votes (Coble, Corrado, Smith, and Sozer) and 1 abstention (Gettings).

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A motion was made by Dr. Corrado to provide the letter on the NIST Interagency report *Forensic DNA Interpretation and Human Factors: Improving Practice Through a Systems Approach* to the Biology Technical Working Group (Bio TWG). The motion was seconded by Dr. Sozer and approved with 4 votes (Coble, Corrado, Smith, and Sozer) and 1 abstention (Gettings).

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A motion was made by Dr. Sozer to approve the letter written by the subgroup regarding the *DNA Mixture Interpretation: A NIST Scientific Foundation Review* and send it to the Commission on Forensic Science; pending the addition of a final sentence in section 4.4 that reads “As accredited proficiency test vendors provide more challenging complex mixture proficiency tests, we encourage the Biology TWG to assess and participate, as appropriate, in these tests”, minor non-substantive edits, and the addition of a statement of

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non-participation by Dr. Gettings. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith and approved with 4 votes (Coble, Corrado, Smith, and Sozer) and 1 abstention (Gettings).

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A motion was made by Dr. Corrado to provide the letter on the *DNA Mixture Interpretation: A NIST Scientific Foundation Review* to the Bio TWG. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith with 4 votes (Coble, Corrado, Smith, and Sozer) and 1 abstention (Gettings).

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The Chair then moved to New Business. At the June 13, 2025, Commission on Forensic Science meeting, the Commission requested the Bio TWG and DNA Subcommittee review any issues regarding the Qiagen disclosure. The Biology TWG co-chair, Dr. Craig O'Connor provided additional information on the Qiagen disclosures and specified only five of the DNA laboratories are utilizing EZ1/EZ2 instrumentation. All laboratories impacted by the affected lots identified in the disclosures are actively investigating.

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A motion was made by Dr. Smith for the Subcommittee to provide a report to the Commission that initial steps taken by the affected laboratories are reasonable and request the Biology TWG provide updates regarding actual numbers of cases affected, rework needed, and additional secondary methods available for rework. Dr. Gettings seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

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The Subcommittee then reviewed disclosures from Monroe County Crime Laboratory, New York City OCME Department of Forensic Biology, and Suffolk County Crime Laboratory. Laboratory representatives were available to answer questions.

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The Chair then stated that the next meeting of the Subcommittee will take place on November 7, 2025, with the location to be determined. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Gettings, and approved unanimously.

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**Note: Video of the meeting is available at <https://www.youtube.com/user/nyspublicsafety>**