



DNA Subcommittee

May 4, 2026

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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DNA Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Michael Coble, Ph.D.
Kathleen Corrado, Ph.D.
Katherine Gettings, Ph.D.
Jenifer Smith, Ph.D.
Amanda Sozer, Ph.D.

DCJS Staff in Attendance:

Dean DeFruscio
Colleen Glavin, Esq.
Katherine Mayberry
Shelley Palmer
Joseph Popcun
Brianna Robinson
Lindsey Rockwell
Matthew Schrantz, Esq.
Kerry Shermer

Other Attendees:

Jill Dooley

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The chair, Dr. Coble, opened the meeting by announcing Dr. Kenneth Kidd's resignation from the DNA Subcommittee. A thank you letter will be sent to Dr. Kidd in acknowledgement of his service. The chair stated that the meeting was being conducted in hybrid with members present both in Albany and virtually. Dr. Coble then conducted roll call attendance, and a quorum was established with five voting members (Coble, Corrado, Gettings, Smith, and Sozer).

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Dr. Coble asked for a motion to approve the May 4, 2026, agenda. Dr. Corrado requested to amend the agenda to add the topic of New York State Department of Health certification of private labs to the New Business section. A motion to approve the agenda with the amendment was made by Dr. Sozer, seconded by Dr. Smith, and approved unanimously (Coble, Corrado, Gettings, Smith, and Sozer).

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Dr. Coble then asked Subcommittee members for questions or comments on the minutes for the November 7, 2025, December 4, 2025, and February 6, 2026, meetings of the Subcommittee. A motion to approve the minutes, of November 7, 2025, was made by Dr. Corrado, seconded by Dr. Sozer, and approved with 4 votes (Coble, Corrado, Smith, and Sozer) and 1 abstention (Gettings). Next, a motion was made by Dr. Gettings to approve the minutes, of December 4, 2025, seconded by Dr. Sozer and approved unanimously. Finally, Dr. Corrado made a motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2026, which was seconded by Dr. Gettings. The vote did not establish a majority (3 ayes (Corrado, Gettings, and Smith) and 2 abstentions (Coble and Sozer)) and was tabled until August 7, 2026.

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

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The DNA Subcommittee reviewed the final documentation from the ANAB reaccreditation assessment activity of the Erie County Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory. The Chair called for a motion to issue a binding recommendation to the Commission on Forensic Science to renew the New York State Accreditation of Erie County Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory in the discipline of Biology for the period concurrent with its ANAB accreditation set to expire July 31, 2030. Dr. Sozer made the motion, Dr. Corrado seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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Prior to reviewing the ANAB reaccreditation assessment activity documents from the New York State Police Crime Laboratory, the DNA Subcommittee reviewed the laboratory's Rapid DNA Validation found on the agenda under Old Business. After brief discussion, a motion was made to issue a binding recommendation to the Commission on Forensic Science to approve the use of the ANDE Rapid DNA Identification system for Rapid DNA analysis on single source reference samples at the New York State Police Crime Laboratory. Dr. Corrado made the motion, Dr. Gettings seconded the motion, and the motion was approved with 4 votes (Coble, Corrado, Gettings and Smith) and 1 abstention (Sozer).

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The Subcommittee then reviewed the final documentation from the ANAB reaccreditation assessment activity of the New York State Police Crime Laboratory. The Chair called for a motion to issue a binding recommendation to the Commission on Forensic Science to renew the New York State Accreditation of the New York State Police Crime Laboratory in the disciplines of Biology and Rapid DNA for the period concurrent with its ANAB accreditation set to expire May 31, 2030. Dr. Corrado made the motion, Dr. Gettings seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

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Dr. Coble 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 validation of Rapid DNA technology by the New York State Police was discussed during the accreditation section.

The Subcommittee then moved on to New Business. A discussion was held regarding the New York State Department of Health changes in private forensic laboratory testing permits.

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

The Chair then stated that the next meeting of the Subcommittee will take place on August 7, 2026, with the location to be determined. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Gettings, seconded by Dr. Sozer, and approved unanimously.

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