



DNA Subcommittee

May 2, 2025

Division of Criminal Justice Services

80 South Swan Street, Room 118, Albany, NY 12210

Videoconference Locations:

9040 Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch, FL
Shapiro Building, Room 5044, 70 Francis Street, Boston, MA
107 College Place, LSB 120, Syracuse, NY
100 Bureau Drive, Building 227, Room B230, Gaithersburg, MD
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd., CBH-629, Fort Worth, TX

9:05 AM – 10:37 AM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DNA Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

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

DCJS Staff in Attendance:

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

Other Attendees:

Julia Becker – New York State Police Crime Laboratory
Jamie Belrose – New York State Police Crime Laboratory
Jill Dooley – New York State Police Crime Laboratory
Nichole Hurbanek – New York State Police Crime Laboratory
Jolin Koch – New York State Police Crime Laboratory
Thomas Leach – New York State Police Crime Laboratory

Julie Pizziketti – New York State Police Crime Laboratory
 Anthula Vandoros – New York State Police Crime Laboratory

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Video Times*
 00:00:15 –
 00:01:13

The Chair, Dr. Coble, opened the meeting by stating that the DNA Subcommittee was conducting its meeting in hybrid with members present both in Albany and virtually. Dr. Coble then conducted a roll call to take attendance, and a quorum was established with six voting members (Bieber, Coble, Corrado, Gettings, Smith, and Sozer).

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Dr. Coble then asked for a motion to approve the May 2, 2025, agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Corrado, seconded by Dr. Sozer, and approved with 5 votes (Bieber, Coble, Corrado, Gettings, and Sozer) and one abstention (Smith).

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 00:04:05

The Chair then asked Subcommittee members for questions or comments on the minutes from the February 28, 2025, meeting of the Subcommittee. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Gettings, seconded by Dr. Corrado, and approved with 5 votes (Bieber, Coble, Corrado, Gettings, and Sozer) and one abstention (Smith).

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Next, the Subcommittee reviewed Accreditation/Laboratory updates from Erie County Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory and New York State Police Crime Laboratory. 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. At the February 28, 2025, meeting, a vote was approved to create a subgroup to review the NIST Interagency report *Forensic DNA Interpretation and Human Factors: Improving Practice Through a Systems Approach*. This group is comprised of Dr. Bieber, Dr. Corrado, and Dr. Sozer. Dr. Sozer provided a verbal update regarding the progress of the subgroup. A vote was also approved, at the February 28, 2025, meeting, to create a subgroup to review the *DNA Mixture Interpretation: A NIST Scientific Foundation Review*. This group is comprised of Dr. Coble, Dr. Kidd, and Dr. Smith. Dr. Smith provided a verbal update regarding the status of the subgroups work. Dr. Smith and Dr. Corrado volunteered to meet and discuss overlap between the NIST documents and report back to their respective subgroups.

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The Chair then moved to New Business. Members of the New York State Police Crime Laboratory presented information on their validation of Next Generation Sequencing on the MiSeq FGx System with the ForenSeq Kintelligence Kit. Following discussion, a motion to table the approval vote and request additional information be provided by the New York State Police Crime Laboratory was made by Dr. Bieber. The additional information requested includes the procedure for use, interpretation policy, reporting policy, and additional research regarding relatives in mixtures, either performed directly by the laboratory or through supporting literature. The motion was seconded by Dr. Smith and approved unanimously.

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

01:28:10 –
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The Chair then stated that the next meeting of the Subcommittee will take place on August 8, 2025, with the location to be determined. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Gettings, seconded by Dr. Smith, and approved unanimously.

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