



March 27, 2017

**Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC)
633 3rd Avenue
37th Floor
New York, NY**

8:30 AM – 10:15 AM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DNA Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Dwight Adams, Ph.D.
Frederick Bieber, Ph.D.
Eric Buel, Ph.D.
Allison Eastman, Ph.D.
Kenneth Kidd, Ph.D.
Amanda Sozer, Ph.D.

DCJS Staff in Attendance:

Gina Bianchi
Brian Gestring
Michael Green
Gerald Mollen
Shelley Palmer
Jackalynne Vimislik
Aimee Zagorski

Other Attendees:

Robert Adamo – Westchester County Division of Forensic Science
Sarah Chu – The Innocence Project
Sergio De La Pava – New York County Defender Services
Karen Dooling – Nassau County Medical Examiners' Office Division of Forensic Services
Kristine Hamann – Prosecutors Center for Excellence
Melissa Huyck – New York City Police Department
Fred James – NYS ITS
Timothy Kupferschmid - New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Brad Maurer – New York County Defender Services
Nicholas Noome - integenx
Daniel Novak – Queens County Office of the District Attorney
Marie Samples- New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
Elayne Schwartz – Westchester County Division of Forensic Science
Raymond Valerio – Bronx County Office of the District Attorney

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video times*

Chairman Adams opened the meeting and noted there was a quorum, with Dr. Bieber, Buel, Eastman, Kidd, and Sozer present. Dr. Adams made a motion to approve the March 27, 2017, meeting agenda with the amendment of moving the old business item of familial searching to follow the review of the minutes on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bieber, and approved unanimously.

00:00:00 –
00:01:52

The subcommittee then reviewed the minutes from the November 4, 2016, meeting. One error was noted and a motion to accept the minutes with the correction was made by Dr. Buel, seconded by Dr. Kidd, and approved unanimously. The minutes from the February 10, 2017 Special Meeting of the Commission on Forensic Science and the DNA Subcommittee were then reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Dr. Sozer, seconded by Dr. Eastman and approved unanimously.

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00:03:17

The subcommittee had a detailed discussion of the draft familial search policy that was developed by the members of the Subcommittee following the February 10, 2017 Special Meeting. There was also discussion of the amendments to section 6192.1 of 9 NYCRR and the DNA databank implementation plan based on the draft policy. Dr. Adams made a motion to recommend to the Commission on Forensic Science that New York State adopt the familial searching policy draft as it was amended, as well as the regulations and implementation plan revisions to reflect the policy. The motion was seconded by Dr. Eastman and approved unanimously.

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The subcommittee also reviewed accreditation updates from the Erie County Central Police Services Laboratory, Nassau County Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Services, and the New York City Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Department of Forensic Biology.

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For Old Business, a verbal update was provided on the partial match program.

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Next, the DNA Subcommittee reviewed laboratory disclosures from the Nassau County Office of the Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Services, the Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, and Westchester County Department of Laboratories and Research Division of Forensic Sciences. Representatives from Nassau and Westchester were available to answer questions. A representative from Suffolk could not be reached and will be required to attend the next meeting to address the question of the Subcommittee.

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A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Buel, seconded by Dr. Kidd and approved unanimously.

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Note:

Video of the meeting is available upon request.