



May 1, 2020

**Division of Criminal Justice Services
Virtual Meeting¹**

10:03 AM - 11:13 AM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DNA Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Allison Eastman, Ph.D.
Katherine Gettings, Ph.D.
Kenneth Kidd, Ph.D.
Jenifer Smith, Ph.D.
Amanda Sozer, Ph.D.
Bruce Weir, Ph.D.

DCJS Staff in Attendance:

Gregory Anastasio
Jill Dooley
Michael Flaherty
Eric Galarneau
Natasha Harvin-Locklear
Janine Kava
Shelley Palmer
Elizabeth Suparmanto
Jackalynne Vimislik

Dr. Weir opened the meeting by explaining that during these unprecedented times, each member of the Subcommittee was in attendance via the web conference from their own locations. He noted that all members of the Subcommittee were present except for Dr. Bieber.

*Approximate
video times*

00:00:00 –
00:02:45

Dr. Weir then asked for a motion to approve the agenda which was made by Dr. Sozer, seconded by Dr. Eastman and approved unanimously.

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¹ Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and pursuant to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.1, issued on March 12, 2020, suspending the Open Meetings Law and authorizing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar service.

The Chair then asked Subcommittee members for questions or comments on the minutes from the February 7, 2020 Subcommittee meeting. Dr. Gettings made a motion to accept the minutes, Dr Kidd seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously

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00:06:40

Next, the Subcommittee reviewed Accreditation/Laboratory updates from the Nassau County Division of Forensic Services, Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, and Westchester County Division of Forensic Sciences.

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00:08:20

The Chair then moved to Old Business. A verbal update was provided on the partial match program, familial search program, CODIS Bulletins, and the FBI QAS Appendix A response letter. Then a review and discussion of the updated draft changes to the Partial Match and Familial Search policies took place. The Subcommittee also reviewed and discussed the corresponding changes to the New York State Regulations and Implementation Plan. A motion was made by Dr. Kidd to approve the changes discussed and to send the recommended draft revisions and additional discussed amendments to the NYS Commission of Forensic Science. The motion was seconded by Dr. Eastman and approved unanimously.

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Under New Business, OFS Director Dr. Jill Dooley provided Subcommittee members with an update regarding the 2019 CODIS Audits.

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The Subcommittee then reviewed Laboratory Disclosures from the Nassau County Division of Forensic Sciences.

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The Chair stated that the next meeting of the Subcommittee will be August 14, 2020. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Gettings, seconded by Dr. Kidd, and approved unanimously.

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01:06:30

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