



November 05, 2021

**Division of Criminal Justice Services
Virtual Meeting¹**

10:02 AM – 11:31 AM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DNA Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Frederick Bieber, Ph.D.
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:

Jill Dooley
Natasha Harvin-Locklear
Elizabeth Suparmanto
Shelley Palmer

Dr. Weir opened the meeting by stating that the DNA Subcommittee is conducting its meeting virtually via video teleconferencing. All members of the Subcommittee were in attendance.

*Approximate
video times*
00:00:00 –
00:01:43

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

00:01:43–
00:02:35

The Chair then asked Subcommittee members for questions or comments on the minutes from the August 6, 2021 meeting of the Subcommittee. Dr. Gettings made a motion to accept the minutes, Dr. Kidd seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

00:02:35 –
00:03:36

Next, the Subcommittee reviewed Accreditation/Laboratory updates from the Erie County Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory, Monroe County Crime Laboratory,

¹ Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and pursuant to Chapter 417 of the Laws of 2021 authorizing the meetings of any state agency, department, corporation, office, authority, board, or commission, as well as any local public body, or public corporation, or a committee or subcommittee or other similar body of such entity to be held remotely by conference call or similar service.

Nassau County Division of Forensic Services, New York State Police Crime Laboratory, Onondaga County Center for Forensic Science, Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, and Westchester County Division of Forensic Sciences. Representatives from the laboratories were available to answer questions as needed.

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Video Times*
00:03:36–
00:28:45

The Chair then moved to Old Business. A verbal update was provided on the Partial Match program, Familial Search program, and CODIS Bulletins.

00:28:45 –
00:35:36

The Subcommittee then reviewed Laboratory Disclosures from the Erie County Central Police Service (CPS) Laboratory, Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, as well as the New York State Police Crime Laboratory. During the discussion of Laboratory Disclosures, Dr. Sozer made a motion to ask the Erie County CPS Laboratory to look back at the root causes and to look at the whys to possibly identify any environmental or other issues that may have occurred. The motion was seconded by Dr. Bieber. The motion failed with a vote of 4 nays (Gettings, Weir, Kidd, and Smith) and 3 ayes (Bieber, Sozer, Eastman).

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Dr. Weir then requested a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss matters relating to a current investigation or matters that may lead to the appointment, promotion, demotion, discipline, or suspension of a person. Dr. Sozer made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Kidd and approved unanimously.

01:17:55 –
01:18:58

The Subcommittee adjourned into Executive Session with all members present. The Subcommittee further discussed a previous complaint, and no action was taken. Executive Session commenced at 11:26 AM and concluded at 11:30 AM. The Subcommittee reconvened the Open Meeting.

The Chair stated that the next meeting of the Subcommittee will take place on February 4, 2022 with the location to be determined. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Sozer, seconded by Dr. Gettings, and approved unanimously.

01:19:37–
01:21:10

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