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9040 Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch, FL
Shapiro Bldg., Rm. 5044, 70 Francis Street, Boston, MA

9:06 AM – 9:34 AM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DNA Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Frederick Bieber, Ph.D.
Kathleen Corrado, Ph.D.
Katherine Gettings, Ph.D.
Amanda Sozer, Ph.D.
Bruce Weir, Ph.D.

DCJS Staff in Attendance:

Jill Dooley
Colleen Glavin, Esq.
Natasha Harvin-Locklear, Esq.
Katherine Mayberry
Shelley Palmer
Brianna Robinson
Lindsey Rockwell
Elizabeth Suparmanto

Other Attendees:

Craig O'Connor – NYC OCME, Department of Forensic Biology
Tiffany Vasquez - NYC OCME, Department of Forensic Biology

Dr. Dooley opened the meeting by thanking Dr. Bruce Weir on his dedicated service as Chair of the NYS Subcommittee and presenting a plaque as a token of appreciation. Dr.

Weir gave his thanks and appreciation for the time he was able to serve on the Subcommittee. Dr. Weir then conducted a roll call as members of the Subcommittee were in attendance in New York and virtually. A quorum was established with 5 members present (Bieber, Corrado, Gettings, Sozer, Weir).

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Video Times*

00:00:00 –
00:05:01

Dr. Weir then asked for a motion to approve the May 12, 2023, agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Gettings, seconded by Dr. Corrado, and approved unanimously.

00:05:04 –
00:05:41

The Chair then asked Subcommittee members for questions or comments on the minutes from the February 3, 2023, meeting of the Subcommittee. Dr. Sozer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Bieber, and approved with four votes (Bieber, Corrado, Gettings, Sozer) and 1 abstention (Weir).

00:05:43 –
00:06:38

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 the New York State Police Crime Laboratory. Representatives from the laboratories were available to answer questions as needed.

00:06:47 –
00:09:22

The Chair then moved to Old Business. A verbal update was provided by Dr. Dooley on the Partial Match and Familial Search programs. The Familial Search program remains paused, awaiting a hearing of the appeal to be scheduled. Special Counsel, Colleen Glavin, stated that the Court of Appeals does not hear arguments over the summer, and a decision will not be made any sooner than September. There were no updates regarding CODIS Bulletins.

00:09:27 –
00:10:23

Special Counsel, Natasha Harvin-Locklear, then provided an update regarding the Videoconferencing Policy for Open Meetings pursuant to Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022. Dr. Gettings made a motion to adopt the extraordinary circumstances videoconferencing resolution and related procedures, seconded by Dr. Corrado, and approved unanimously.

00:10:25 –
00:12:45

The Subcommittee then reviewed disclosures from the Westchester County Department of Labs & Research Division of Forensic Sciences, and Erie County Central Police Services Forensic Laboratory. Representatives from the laboratories were available via WebEx to respond to members' questions.

00:12:48 –
00:26:10

Dr. Weir then gave an update on the Working Group (Bieber, Kidd, Weir) that was initiated to look at DNA reporting documents. Dr. Weir stated the Working Group is wrapping up their discussions with the labs and conclusions from the meetings will be discussed at the next meeting.

00:26:12 –
00:27:05

The Chair stated that the next meeting of the Subcommittee will take place on August 4, 2023. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Gettings, seconded by Dr. Corrado, and approved unanimously.

00:27:33 –
00:28:12

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