



DNA Subcommittee

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9:01 AM – 10:37 AM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DNA Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Frederick Bieber, Ph.D.
Kathleen Corrado, Ph.D.
Katherine Gettings, Ph.D.
Jenifer Smith, Ph.D.

DCJS Staff in Attendance:

Taylor Aaron
Dean DeFruscio
Colleen Glavin, Esq.
Katherine Mayberry
Shelley Palmer
Brianna Robinson
Lindsey Rockwell
Matthew Schrantz, Esq.
Elizabeth Suparmanto

Other Attendees:

Kyra McKay – NYC OCME, Department of Forensic Biology
Craig O'Connor – NYC OCME, Department of Forensic Biology
Meredith Rosenberg – NYC OCME, Department of Forensic Biology
Raymond Valerio – Queens District Attorney's Office
Tiffany Vasquez – NYC OCME, Department of Forensic Biology

Ms. Palmer opened the meeting by stating that Dr. Michael Coble was unable to attend and had designated Dr. Katherine Gettings to act as chair in his place. Dr. Gettings stated that the DNA Subcommittee was conducting its meeting in hybrid with members present both in New York City and virtually. Dr. Gettings then conducted a roll call to take attendance, and a quorum was established with four voting members (Bieber, Corrado, Gettings, and Smith).

Dr. Gettings asked for a motion to approve the February 6, 2026, agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Bieber, and approved unanimously.

Dr. Gettings then asked Subcommittee members for questions or comments on the minutes of the November 7, 2025, and December 4, 2025, meetings of the Subcommittee. After a brief discussion, the minutes were tabled until the next meeting, as there was no quorum of members present from the November 7, 2025, and December 4, 2025, meetings to approve the minutes.

Next, the Subcommittee reviewed Accreditation/Laboratory updates from the Nassau County Office of the Medical Examiner Division of Forensic Services, New York City OCME Department of Forensic Biology, Onondaga County Center for Forensic Sciences Laboratory, Suffolk County Crime Laboratory, and New York State Police Crime Laboratory. Representatives from the laboratories were available to answer questions as needed.

Dr. Gettings 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. Next, the Subcommittee reviewed a letter from the Commission on Forensic Science to the Biology Technical Working Group. This letter was a request to evaluate the recommendations provided by the Subcommittee regarding the NIST Human Factors Report and DNA Mixture Interpretation Report.

The Subcommittee then moved to New Business. Ms. Palmer provided information regarding the 2025 Annual Laboratory Summaries.

Next, Ms. Palmer provided a brief history of Rapid DNA in New York State. Members from the New York State Police Crime Laboratory then gave a presentation titled: *ANDE Reference Sample Validation A and I-Chip: Internal Validation*. Following the presentation, the Subcommittee had a discussion with the validation team and requested the full validation and several clarifying updates to the executive summary. The laboratory agreed to provide these items prior to the next meeting.

The Subcommittee then reviewed disclosures from Monroe County Crime Laboratory, New York City OCME Department of Forensic Biology, and Westchester County Department of Laboratories & Research Division of Forensic Science. Laboratory representatives were available to answer questions.

The Chair then stated that the next meeting of the Subcommittee will take place on May 1, 2026, with the location to be determined. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Bieber, and approved unanimously.

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