



**DNA
Subcommittee**

November 7, 2025

Division of Criminal Justice Services
80 South Swan Street, Room 118, Albany, NY

Videoconference Locations:
301 West 17th Street, Austin, TX
9040 Town Center Parkway, Lakewood Ranch, FL

9:12 AM – 10:10 AM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

DNA Subcommittee Members in Attendance:

Michael Coble, Ph.D.
Kathleen Corrado, Ph.D.
Jenifer Smith, Ph.D.
Amanda Sozer, 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:

Michelle Adams- New York State Police Crime Laboratory
Jamie Belrose- New York State Police Crime Laboratory
Jill Dooley- New York State Police Crime Laboratory
Jolin Koch- New York State Police Crime Laboratory
Julie Pizziketti- New York State Police Crime Laboratory
Anthula Vandoros- New York State Police Crime Laboratory

The Chair, Dr. Coble, opened the meeting by stating that the DNA Subcommittee was conducting its meeting in hybrid with members present both in Albany and virtually. Dr. Coble then conducted a roll call to take attendance, and a quorum was established with four voting members (Coble, Corrado, Smith, and Sozer).

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Video Times*
00:00:01 –
00:01:16

Dr. Coble then asked for a motion to approve the November 7, 2025, agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Corrado, seconded by Dr. Smith, and approved unanimously.

00:01:17 –
00:02:08

The Chair then asked Subcommittee members for questions or comments on the minutes from the August 1, 2025, meeting of the Subcommittee. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Corrado, and approved unanimously.

00:02:10 –
00:03:23

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

00:03:24-
00:14:04

During Accreditation/Laboratory updates, the Subcommittee reviewed the final documentation from the ANAB reaccreditation assessment activity of the Suffolk County Crime Laboratory. The Chair called for a motion to issue a binding recommendation to the Commission on Forensic Science to renew the New York State Accreditation of the Suffolk County Crime Laboratory in the discipline of Biology for the period concurrent with its ANAB accreditation set to expire December 31, 2029. Dr. Smith made the motion, Dr. Corrado seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

00:12:16-
00:13:20

The Chair 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.

00:14:05-
00:16:18

In response to the request made at the May 2nd meeting relating to their validation of Next Generation Sequencing, the New York State Police Crime Laboratory presented additional information to the Subcommittee. Following discussion, Subcommittee members stated their willingness to convene a supplementary meeting once additional members were available to vote to approve the use of the technology.

00:16:20-
00:43:50

The Biology Technical Working Group submitted a memo with the Qiagen information requested from the August 7th meeting for review. Mr. Schrantz then provided an update regarding the NIST review reports submitted to the Commission following the August 7th meeting.

00:43:55-
00:47:05

The Chair then moved to New Business. Ms. Palmer provided information regarding the Annual CODIS Security Audits.

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00:48:10

The Subcommittee then reviewed disclosures from Monroe County Crime Laboratory, New York City OCME Department of Forensic Biology, Westchester County Department of

00:48:12
00:57:20

Laboratories & Research Division of Forensic Science, and New York State Police Crime Laboratory. Laboratory representatives were available to answer questions.

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The Chair then stated that the next meeting of the Subcommittee will take place on February 6, 2026, with the location to be determined. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Corrado, and approved unanimously.

00:57:34
00:58:40

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



**DNA
Subcommittee**

December 4, 2025

Division of Criminal Justice Services
80 South Swan Street, Room 118, Albany, NY 12210

Videoconference Locations:
107 College Place, LSB 122, Syracuse, NY 13244
100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899
3500 Camp Bowie Blvd, CBH-629, Fort Worth, TX 76107
500 Montgomery St, Suite 500, Alexandria, VA 22314

11:39 AM – 11:51 AM

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

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Katherine Gettings, Ph.D.
Amanda Sozer, Ph.D.

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Brianna Robinson
Lindsey Rockwell
Matthew Schrantz, Esq.

The Chair, Dr. Coble, opened the meeting by stating that this was a special meeting of the DNA Subcommittee. Dr. Coble then conducted a roll call to take attendance, and a quorum was established with four voting members (Coble, Corrado, Gettings, and Sozer).

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Video Times*
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00:00:55

Dr. Coble then asked for a motion to approve the December 4, 2025, agenda. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Sozer, seconded by Dr. Gettings, and approved unanimously.

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00:01:48

The Chair then moved to Old Business. Following a brief discussion with laboratory representatives, the Chair called for a motion to issue a binding recommendation to the Commission on Forensic Science to approve the use of Next Generation Sequencing using the MiSeq FGx system with the ForenSeq™ Kintelligence Kit by the New York State Police Crime Laboratory. The motion was made by Dr. Gettings, seconded by Dr. Sozer, and approved unanimously.

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00:10:20

The Chair then stated that the next meeting of the Subcommittee will take place on February 6, 2026, with the location to be determined. A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Corrado, seconded by Dr. Sozer, and approved unanimously.

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00:11:58

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**DNA
Subcommittee**

February 6, 2026

Empire State Development Corporation
655 Third Ave. 2nd Floor New York, NY 10017

Videoconference Locations:
Shapiro Bldg. Rm. 5044 70 Francis Street, Boston, MA 02115
107 College Place LSB 122 Syracuse, NY 13244

9:01 AM – 10:37 AM

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

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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).

00:00:00 -
00:00:32

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.

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00:01:06

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

01:27:34 -
01:35:20

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.

01:35:22 -
01:36:01

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.

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April 13, 2026

Michelli Schmitz
Erie County Central Police Services
45 Elm Street
Buffalo, New York 14203

Dear Director Schmitz,

Congratulations! On April 13, 2026, ANAB made the decision to maintain your organization's accreditation in the Field of Forensic Testing. ANAB is satisfied that your organization meets or exceeds accreditation requirements, including the requirements of your own documented management system.

To retain accredited status until the expiry date on the Certificate of Accreditation, a conformity assessment body (CAB) is expected to continue to meet the Requirements under which it was accredited, as well as the responsibilities and obligations of ANAB's Terms and Conditions for Accreditation. The principal means by which ANAB monitors on-going conformance are Program dependent and may include surveillance activities, CAB and personnel performance in proficiency testing and other monitoring activities, complaints, and CAB self-disclosure of significant events and nonconformities.

The planned assessment schedule is listed below:

- March 2027 Surveillance Assessment without Witnessing
- March 2028 Surveillance Assessment with Witnessing
- March 2029 Surveillance Assessment without Witnessing
- March 2030 Reassessment

The provided ANAB accreditation symbols ([Forensic Testing](#)) may be used to convey your accredited status. An accreditation symbol must not be used in any way which implies accreditation in any area outside of the scope of accreditation. If appropriate, the accreditation symbol may be used on your organization's website, reports, letterhead, business cards, and other official documents. Please refer to [PR 1018 Policy on Use of ANAB Accreditation Symbols and Claims of Accreditation Status](#) for all required information. This policy also provides information on your ability to use a combined mark that contains the ANAB accreditation symbol and the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) mark.

The report and an electronic version of accreditation documents are included with this letter.

On behalf of ANAB, I extend my sincere congratulations to you. If you have any questions or if ANAB might assist you in any way, please feel free to get in touch with us at qualitymatters@anab.org.

Sincerely,



Robyn Ragsdale
Senior Accreditation Manager Forensics
ANSI National Accreditation Board

cc: Maria Orsino, Quality Assurance Coordinator
dcjsforensiclabs@dcjs.ny.gov
ANAB Office



CERTIFICATE OF ACCREDITATION

The ANSI National Accreditation Board

Hereby attests that

**Erie County Central Police Services
Forensic Laboratory
45 Elm Street, Buffalo, New York 14203 USA**

Fulfills the requirements of

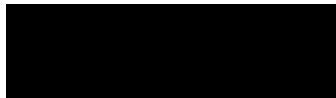
ISO/IEC 17025:2017

**Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (2023)
FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories: 2025**

In the field of

Forensic Testing

This certificate is valid only when accompanied by a current scope of accreditation document.
The current scope of accreditation can be verified at www.anab.org.



Pamela L. Sale, Vice President, Forensics

Expiry Date: 31 July 2030
Certificate Number: FT-0037





ANSI National Accreditation Board

**SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO:
ISO/IEC 17025:2017**

**Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (2023)
FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories: 2025**

**Erie County Central Police Services
Forensic Laboratory**

45 Elm Street
Buffalo, New York 14203 USA

FORENSIC TESTING

ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation Granted: 16 December 2013

Certificate Number: FT-0037

Certificate Expiry Date: 31 July 2030

Discipline: Biology		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
DNA Profile Determination	Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Y-Short Tandem Repeat (Y-STR)	Capillary Electrophoresis
Individual Characteristic Database	DNA Profile	National DNA Index System (NDIS)
Physical Comparison	DNA Profile	Software Program
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid	Chemical Fluorescence Spectroscopy General Microscopy Immunoassay

Discipline: Fire Debris and Explosives		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Fire Debris	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry



Discipline: Firearms and Toolmarks		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Function Evaluation	Firearm	Measuring Equipment Visual
Individual Characteristic Database	Ammunition	National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
Physical Comparison	Ammunition	General Microscopy
Qualitative Determination	Ammunition Firearm	General Microscopy Measuring Equipment Reference Collection
Serial Number Restoration	Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Magnetic Visual

Discipline: Friction Ridge		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Enhancement	Ridge Detail	Software Program
Individual Characteristic Database	Ridge Detail	Other Named Database
Physical Comparison	Ridge Detail	Software Program Visual

Discipline: Impressions		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Enhancement	Footwear Physical Item Tire	Physical
Physical Comparison	Footwear Tire	Visual

Discipline: Materials (Trace)		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Chemical/Physical Comparison	Coating Fractured Item General Unknown Polymer Tape	Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Visual

Qualitative Determination	Coating General Unknown Polymer Tape	Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Visual
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Discipline: Seized Drugs		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Botanical Liquid Solid	Chemical Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Mass Spectrometry Thin-Layer Chromatography
Quantitative Measurement	Solid	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry
Weight Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Balance

When published on a forensic service provider's Scope of Accreditation, ANAB has confirmed the competence required to develop and validate methods and perform on-going quality assurance for accredited activities. For a listed component/parameter, the forensic service provider may add or modify methods for activities without formal notice to ANAB for items and key equipment/technology listed. Contact the forensic service provider for information on the method utilized for accredited work.



Pamela L. Sale
Vice President, Forensics





Erie County Central Police Services - Forensic Laboratory

2026 - 17025 - Y4 - Reassessment

Prepared by Pamela Mikulcik

Data collected on 2026-03-16

ANSI National Accreditation Board

United States

Description

This assessment report summarizes the outcome of the recent accreditation activity. A separate document, the assessment plan, provides information on the type of activity (*e.g.*, reassessment, surveillance activity, scope extension), the date(s) of the activity, the assessment team members, the requirement documents and refers to the scope of the discipline(s) assessed for each location. The assessment plan, together with this report, provide a complete picture of the accreditation activity.

The ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) evaluated the competence of the laboratory and conformance with all applicable accreditation requirements for the scope of accreditation referenced in the assessment plan. Objective evidence of implementation was assessed. The results of an assessment activity are based on a sample of records, locations, and personnel that were available at the time of the activity. Witnessing is an additional technique used in most activities.

REQUIREMENTS:

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories & ANAB Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (AR 3125) evaluated over the accreditation cycle are summarized in the following broad categories:

General requirements related to the laboratory's commitment to impartiality and confidentiality in its activities.

Structural requirements related to the range of activities, management structure, the authority, roles and responsibilities of personnel. Documented procedures which ensure a consistent application of activities and the validity of results.

Resource requirements related to the impartiality of personnel. Requirements for a training program, competency testing, authorizations, and ongoing monitoring to ensure the competence of personnel. Facility and security suitability for activities. Records and procedures for equipment to ensure proper functioning and where applicable, establishment of metrological traceability. Requirements for externally provided products and services.

Process requirements related to the handling of test and calibration items in a manner to maintain the integrity of the item. Requirements for chain-of-custody of items to be tested and appropriate methods and procedures. Ensuring the required performance of the methods along with monitoring the validity of the results. Requirements to ensure results are supported by sufficient technical records and are reported accurately, clearly, unambiguously, and objectively. Procedures for nonconforming work and a documented process for handling complaints. Requirements related to the laboratory information management system protection and integrity of data and information.

Management system requirements related to policies and objectives appropriate for the scope of activities. Requirements to control internal and external documents and records. Requirements to address risks and opportunities and timely, well-documented corrective actions. Requirements for an internal audit program and management reviews.

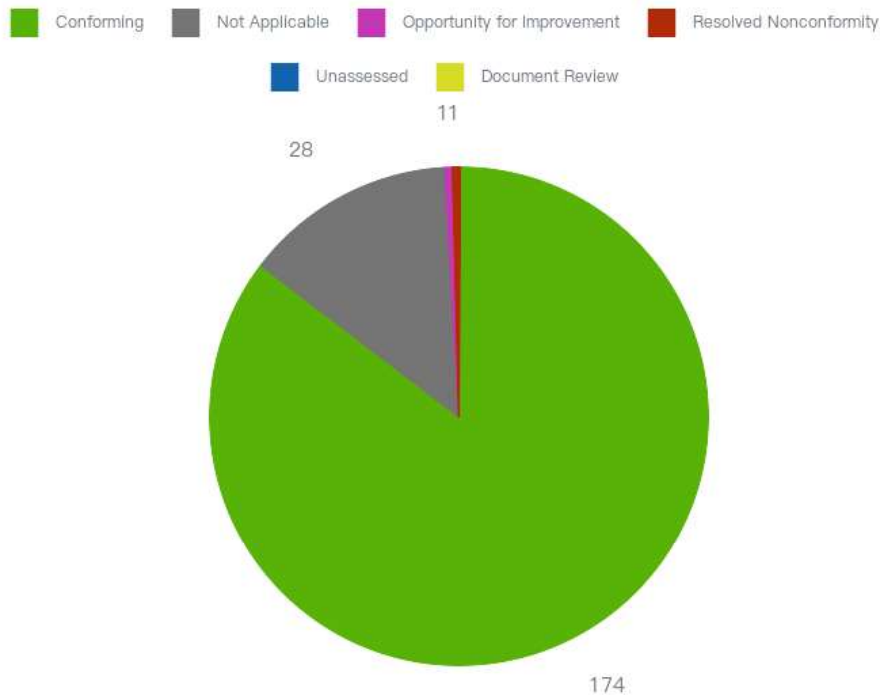
The accreditation activity also evaluates the laboratory's conformance with their own management system requirements.

ASSESSMENT RESULT:

Based on the assessment techniques and a sample of the objective evidence reviewed during the assessment activity, the assessment team found that the laboratory demonstrated competence to operate a management system that fulfills all applicable accreditation requirements, including those specified within their management system.

Any opportunities for improvement or nonconformities identified during this assessment activity are noted below. All nonconformities will be resolved prior to an accreditation decision by ANAB and a summary provided in a subsequent assessment activity report.

Summary of Objective Evidence



Audit Objective Evidence

7.8.1 General

7.8.1.2 ISO/IEC 17025:2017

Opportunity for Improvement : 0

Requirement

Are results provided accurately, clearly, unambiguously and objectively, usually in a report (e.g. a test report or a calibration certificate or report of sampling), and include all the information agreed with the customer and necessary for the interpretation of the results and all information required by the method used? Are all issued reports retained as technical records?

NOTE 1 For the purposes of this document, test reports and calibration certificates are sometimes referred to as test certificates and calibration reports, respectively.

NOTE 2 Reports can be issued as hard copies or by electronic means, provided that the requirements of this document are met.

Objective Evidence

It would be beneficial for the laboratory to review their approach to technically reviewing Fire Debris data to ensure accuracy.

7.8.2 Common requirements for reports (test, calibration or sampling)

Requirement

Does each report include at least the following information, unless the laboratory has valid reasons for not doing so, thereby minimizing any possibility of misunderstanding or misuse:

- a) a title (e.g. "Test Report", "Calibration Certificate" or "Report of Sampling")?
- b) the name and address of the laboratory?
- c) the location of performance of the laboratory activities, including when performed at a customer facility or at sites away from the laboratory's permanent facilities, or in associated temporary or mobile facilities?
- d) unique identification that all its components are recognized as a portion of a complete report and a clear identification of the end?
- e) the name and contact information of the customer?
- f) identification of the method used?
- g) a description, unambiguous identification, and, when necessary, the condition of the item?
- h) the date of receipt of the test or calibration item(s), and the date of sampling, where this is critical to the validity and application of the results?
- i) the date(s) of performance of the laboratory activity?
- j) the date of issue of the report?
- k) reference to the sampling plan and sampling method used by the laboratory or other bodies where these are relevant to the validity or application of the results?
- l) a statement to the effect that the results relate only to the items tested, calibrated or sampled?
- m) the results with, where appropriate, the units of measurement?
- n) additions to, deviations, or exclusions from the method?
- o) identification of the person(s) authorizing the report?
- p) clear identification when results are from external providers?

NOTE Including a statement specifying that the report shall not be reproduced except in full without approval of the laboratory can provide assurance that parts of a report are not taken out of context.

ANAB NOTE 2 A legal requirement that dictates the information to be included in a report is a valid reason to not include one or more listed report elements.

ANAB NOTE 3 i) Date(s) may be reflected as a range of dates or the date of each test or calibration.

ANAB NOTE 4 o) Authorization of the report does not have to be performed by the same person(s) who authorized the results. (see ISO/IEC 17025:2017 7.8.1.1).

Nonconformity Resolution

The date that is listed on the report is not always reflective of the actual issue date required by letter j of this standard.

Corrective Action Closure Note: The laboratory initiated corrective action and performed cause analysis. The laboratory determined that the LIMS was populating the Draft date instead of the Issue date when reports were re-printed after technical review. The LIMS was adjusted to pull in the correct date, reports were reviewed to ensure that the Issue date was populated, and customers were notified. This nonconformity is resolved.



Monroe County Crime Laboratory

2026 - 17025 - Y4 - Reassessment

Prepared by Mike Healy

Data collected on 2026-04-13

ANSI National Accreditation Board

United States

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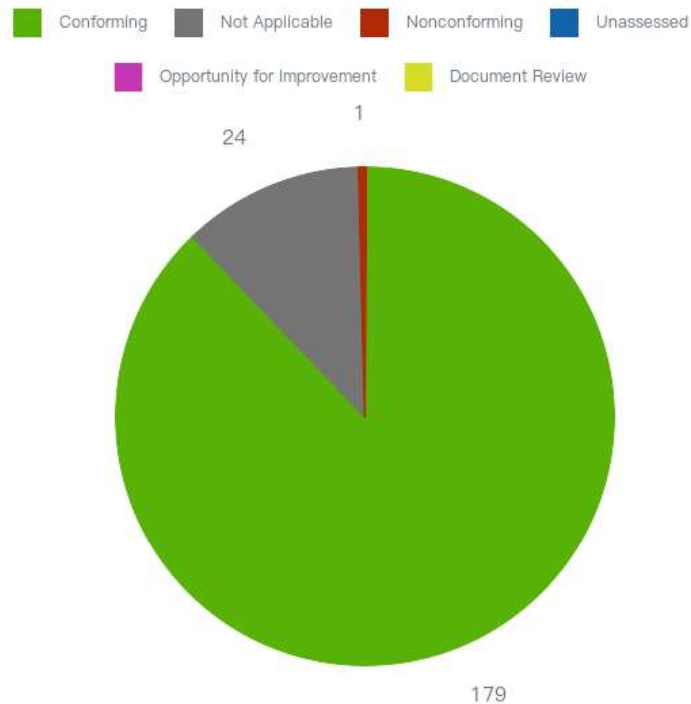
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Summary of Objective Evidence



Audit Objective Evidence

5. Structural requirements

5.4 ISO/IEC 17025:2017

Nonconforming

Requirement

Are laboratory activities carried out in such a way as to meet the requirements of this document, the laboratory's customers, regulatory authorities and organizations providing recognition? Does this include laboratory activities performed in all its permanent facilities, at sites away from its permanent facilities, in associated temporary or mobile facilities or at a customer's facility?

ANAB NOTE: Example of regulatory authorities are the Federal Bureau of Investigation for laboratories participating in the National DNA Index System (NDIS) and state forensic science commissions providing accreditation.

Nonconformity Resolution

2024 External QAS Audit was not reported to the FBI within the required timeframe.

Due Date & Responsible Party : Mike Healy until 2026-06-15 (Nonconformity Resolution not completed)



**Division of State Police
Crime Laboratory System**

KATHY HOCHUL
Governor

STEVEN G. JAMES
Superintendent

April 29, 2026

Pamela Sale
Vice President, Forensics
ANSI National Accreditation Board
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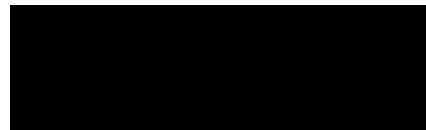


RE: Change in Management: Director / NYSP Crime Laboratory System

Ms. Sale:

Please be advised that on April 24, 2026, Dr. Jill Dooley resigned from her position as Laboratory Director. Julie Pizziketti, Director of Biological Sciences, will serve as the Acting Laboratory Director until a permanent appointment has been made.

Sincerely,



Julia Becker



April 30, 2026

Acting Director Julie Pizziketti
New York State Police Division of State Police
Crime Laboratory System
1220 Washington Avenue
Albany, New York 12226

Dear Acting Director Pizziketti,

Congratulations! On April 29, 2026, ANAB made the decision to maintain your organization's accreditation in the Field of Forensic Testing. ANAB is satisfied that your organization meets or exceeds accreditation requirements, including the requirements of your own documented management system.

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The report was provided to you during the assessment activity, and an electronic version of accreditation documents is included with this letter.

Achieving accreditation is the result of an extensive commitment of resources and much preparation by the management and personnel of the entire organization. I commend the efforts of all who were involved in this achievement. On behalf of ANAB, I extend my sincere congratulations to you. If you have any questions or if ANAB might assist you in any way, please feel free to get in touch with us at qualitymatters@anab.org.

Sincerely,



Janet M. Girten
Senior Accreditation Manager
ANSI National Accreditation Board

cc: Staff Inspector Mary Barrette
Quality Manager Julie Becker
NY DCJS



ANSI National Accreditation Board

**SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION TO:
 ISO/IEC 17025:2017
 Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration:2023
 FBI Quality Assurance Standards for Forensic DNA Testing Laboratories:2025
 FBI Quality Assurance Standards for DNA Databasing Laboratories:2025**

New York State Police Crime Laboratory
 (see locations listed below)

FORENSIC TESTING

ISO/IEC 17025 Accreditation Granted: 21 June 2008

Certificate Number: FT-0025 Certificate Expiry Date: 31 May 2030

Forensic Investigation Center
 1220 Washington Avenue
 Albany, New York 12226 USA

Discipline: Biology		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
DNA Profile Determination	Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Y-Short Tandem Repeat (Y-STR) Single-Nucleotide Polymorphism (SNP)	Capillary Electrophoresis Massively Parallel Sequencing
DNA Profile Determination (Database Samples)	Short Tandem Repeat (STR) Y-Short Tandem Repeat (Y-STR)	Capillary Electrophoresis
Individual Characteristic Database	DNA Profile	National DNA Index System (NDIS)
Physical Comparison	DNA Profile	Software Program
Qualitative Determination	Body Fluid Feces	Chemical Fluorescence Spectroscopy General Microscopy Immunoassay

Discipline: Rapid DNA		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
DNA Profile Development	Short Tandem Repeat (STR)	Capillary Electrophoresis

Discipline: Fire Debris and Explosives		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Fire Debris	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry

Discipline: Firearms and Toolmarks		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Function Evaluation	Firearm	Measuring Equipment
Individual Characteristic Database	Ammunition	National Integrated Ballistic Information Network (NIBIN)
Physical Comparison	Ammunition	General Microscopy Measuring Equipment Software Program Visual
Qualitative Determination	Ammunition Firearm Metal	Chemical General Microscopy Measuring Equipment Reference Collection
Serial Number Restoration	Physical Item	Chemical General Microscopy Magnetic Visual

Discipline: Friction Ridge		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Enhancement	Ridge Detail	Chemical Physical Software Program
Individual Characteristic Database	Ridge Detail	Next Generation Identification System (NGI)
Physical Comparison	Ridge Detail	Software Program Visual

Discipline: Materials (Trace)		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Hair	General Microscopy

Discipline: Seized Drugs		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Botanical Liquid Solid	Chemical Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Thin-Layer Chromatography Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Visual
Quantitative Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Gas Chromatography Liquid Chromatography Ultraviolet Spectroscopy
Weight Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Balance

Discipline: Toxicology – General Testing		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Post-Mortem Biological Item	Gas Chromatography Immunoassay Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry
Qualitative Determination (Volatiles)	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Post-Mortem Biological Item	Gas Chromatography Mass Spectrometry
Quantitative Measurement	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Post-Mortem Biological Item	Gas Chromatography Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry
Quantitative Measurement (Volatiles)	Ante-Mortem Biological Item Post-Mortem Biological Item	Gas Chromatography

Mid-Hudson Satellite Crime Laboratory
 224 Breunig Road
 New Windsor, New York 12553 USA

Discipline: Seized Drugs		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Botanical Liquid Solid	Chemical Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Thin-Layer Chromatography Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Visual
Quantitative Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Gas Chromatography Liquid Chromatography Ultraviolet Spectroscopy
Weight Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Balance

Southern Tier Satellite Crime Laboratory
 44 Park Street
 Port Crane, New York 13833 USA

Discipline: Seized Drugs		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Botanical Liquid Solid	Chemical Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Thin-Layer Chromatography Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Visual
Quantitative Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Gas Chromatography Liquid Chromatography Ultraviolet Spectroscopy
Weight Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Balance

Western Satellite Crime Laboratory
 722 Homer Street
 Olean, New York 14760 USA

Discipline: Seized Drugs		
Component/Parameter	Item	Key Equipment/Technology
Qualitative Determination	Botanical Liquid Solid	Chemical Gas Chromatography General Microscopy Infrared Spectroscopy Liquid Chromatography Mass Spectrometry Thin-Layer Chromatography Ultraviolet Spectroscopy Visual
Quantitative Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Gas Chromatography Liquid Chromatography Ultraviolet Spectroscopy
Weight Measurement	Botanical Liquid Solid	Balance

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New York State Police - Crime Laboratory

2026 - 17025 - Y4 - Reassessment

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Description

This assessment report summarizes the outcome of the recent accreditation activity. A separate document, the assessment plan, provides information on the type of activity (*e.g.*, reassessment, surveillance activity, scope extension), the date(s) of the activity, the assessment team members, the requirement documents and refers to the scope of the discipline(s) assessed for each location. The assessment plan, together with this report, provide a complete picture of the accreditation activity.

The ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) evaluated the competence of the laboratory and conformance with all applicable accreditation requirements for the scope of accreditation referenced in the assessment plan. Objective evidence of implementation was assessed. The results of an assessment activity are based on a sample of records, locations, and personnel that were available at the time of the activity. Witnessing is an additional technique used in most activities.

REQUIREMENTS:

ISO/IEC 17025:2017 General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories & ANAB Accreditation Requirements for Forensic Testing and Calibration (AR 3125) evaluated over the accreditation cycle are summarized in the following broad categories:

General requirements related to the laboratory's commitment to impartiality and confidentiality in its activities.

Structural requirements related to the range of activities, management structure, the authority, roles and responsibilities of personnel. Documented procedures which ensure a consistent application of activities and the validity of results.

Resource requirements related to the impartiality of personnel. Requirements for a training program, competency testing, authorizations, and ongoing monitoring to ensure the competence of personnel. Facility and security suitability for activities. Records and procedures for equipment to ensure proper functioning and where applicable, establishment of metrological traceability. Requirements for externally provided products and services.

Process requirements related to the handling of test and calibration items in a manner to maintain the integrity of the item. Requirements for chain-of-custody of items to be tested and appropriate methods and procedures. Ensuring the required performance of the methods along with monitoring the validity of the results. Requirements to ensure results are supported by sufficient technical records and are reported accurately, clearly, unambiguously, and objectively. Procedures for nonconforming work and a documented process for handling complaints. Requirements related to the laboratory information management system protection and integrity of data and information.

Management system requirements related to policies and objectives appropriate for the scope of activities. Requirements to control internal and external documents and records. Requirements to address risks and opportunities and timely, well-documented corrective actions. Requirements for an internal audit program and management reviews.

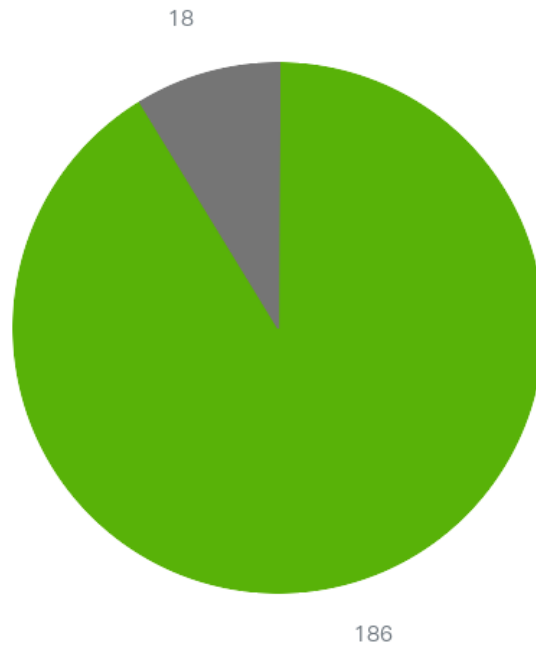
The accreditation activity also evaluates the laboratory's conformance with their own management system requirements.

ASSESSMENT RESULT:

Based on the assessment techniques and a sample of the objective evidence reviewed during the assessment activity, the assessment team found that the laboratory demonstrated competence to operate a management system that fulfills all applicable accreditation requirements, including those specified within their management system.

Any opportunities for improvement or nonconformities identified during this assessment activity are noted below. All nonconformities will be resolved prior to an accreditation decision by ANAB and a summary provided in a subsequent assessment activity report.

Summary of Objective Evidence



Audit Objective Evidence
