

## Members in Attendance

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## Agenda

- PCB Testing

## Notes

- Having problems with PCB virtual ground
  - Our voltage is only hitting ~3.2V and not the expected 4.5V
  - Ran several test cases to try and decipher the problem
    - Discovered that our voltage divider may be incorrectly stepping the voltage down, since we are getting around ~3.2V of output
    - We spent time testing every individual trace/connection on the PCB
    - Discovered that the input to the buffer was 3.2V and the output was 1.7V, when the output should be equal to the input plus about 200mV
    - Decided to change out the resistors to see if they were possible defective
      - No change after this
    - Buffer was tested individually and the problem was discovered
      - Buffer was not getting enough input voltage so it was messing up the output of the voltage divider
      - Output seems to be stuck near one of the rails
      - The buffer is failing to operate properly because of the low input voltage, we need it to be higher, ideally around 4.5V to 6V
      - Going to test a new buffer by itself
        - Buffer by itself works
  - Circuit works!
  - Will solder faraday tube to PCB on thursday
  - For demo, be able to change gain via commands to the API
  - Convert analog values to actual voltage to match voltage readings
  - We also changed our voltage regulator values to  $R1 = 10k$  and  $R2 = 9.5k$  in order to output a voltage between 4.6V and 4.7V for the input to the buffer, which makes the output buffer voltage 0.2V higher (4.9V), which makes the output of the microcontroller 0.2V higher (5.1V)