

ANA-NY
Board of Directors Microsoft Teams Conference Meeting
March 17, 2026

PRESIDING: Connie Perkins, President

PRESENT:

OFFICERS: Connie Perkins, President; Giselle Gerardi, Vice President; Kimberly Velez, Secretary; and Elisa (Lee) Mancuso, Treasurer

DIRECTORS: Seon Lewis-Holman, Alison Simpson, Gwen Anderson, Lauren Lodico, and Kerlene Richards

ABSENT:

STAFF: Jeanine Santelli, Executive Director and Kennedee Blanchard, Member Engagement Associate

GUESTS: Amy Kellogg, Lobbyist and Mark Randall, Merrill Lynch

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CALL TO ORDER		President Perkins called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm on Tuesday, March 17, 2026. Secretary Velez read the ANA-NY mission statement.
ATTENDANCE	Quorum Present	Secretary Velez took attendance and declared a quorum was present.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	There are no announcements to be made.	
ANAI REPORT	Celia McIntosh was not available to give her report.	
LOBBYIST REPORT	See attached updated budget chart . The Senate and Assembly conducted their budget hearings in February and have now proposed their one house budgets indicating what they have accepted and rejected from the Governor’s budget proposal. See attached CDPAP comment letter that we will be submitting for the record. See attached Joint Memo in Opposition of cigar excise tax that we signed onto last year and agreed to sign onto again this year. Lobby Day will be held on April 28, 2026, and will be limited to the Legislation Committee, Political Action Committee, and the Board of Directors	

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	again this year. There will be an orientation prior to as well.	
CONSENT AGENDA	MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA – GWEN ANDERSON/LEE MANCUSO	APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY
TREASURER’S REPORT	Treasurer Mancuso reviewed the January 2026 and February 2026 P&L statements. See attached report by Mark Randall from Merrill Lynch.	
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	Still waiting for the Center for Nursing at the Foundation of NYS Nurses to review and approve the MOU. Still waiting to hear back from Deb Elliott regarding details of their Nightingale Gala, which will take place on either November 13 th or 14 th in conjunction with our 2026 Annual Conference.	
NEW BUSINESS	The Board of Directors discussed sunsetting the Engagement Committee due to a lack of participation from committee members and a lack of membership engagement in programs over the past couple of years. MOTION TO SUNSET THE ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE – KIMBERLY VELEZ/LAUREN LODICO The Board of Directors discussed sunsetting the Advances in Nursing Technology Special Interest Group (SIG) due to lack of participation. MOTION TO SUNSET THE ADVANCES IN NURSING TECHNOLOGY SIG – KIMBERLY VELEZ/LEE MANCUSO	APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

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	<p>The Board of Directors discussed whether to continue participating in the American Nurses Advocacy Institute (ANAI) since the objectives and deliverables have changed over the past couple of years and it no longer seems worthwhile.</p> <p>MOTION TO SUSPEND PARTICIPATION IN THE ANAI PROGRAM – LEE MANCUSO/SEON LEWIS-HOLMAN</p>	GISELLE GERARDI ABSTAINED – MOTION PASSES
UPCOMING EVENTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Call for Future Nurse Leader Awards 3/5/26-3/27/26 ▪ Call for RN-BS Nurse Fellowship 3/5/26-4/3/26 ▪ Call for Awards Nominations 3/5/26-4/3/26 ▪ BOD 3/17/26 - Merrill – Lynch ▪ Call for Nominations for ballot 4/2/26-5/8/26 ▪ Call for ANAI 4/9/26-5/8/26 ▪ Exhibiting, ENA, Saratoga Springs, 4/22-23/26 ▪ Exhibiting, NYS Public Health Partnership, Lake Placid, 4/22-24/26 ▪ In-person BOD 4/27/26 - approval of Finance Letter and 990 ▪ Advocacy Day, 4/28/26 ▪ Call for Nightingale Tribute 4/30/26-5/22/26 ▪ National Nurses Week 5/6/26-5/12/26 ▪ BOD 5/19/26 - approval of Awards, endorsement of Bylaws Amendments, review SIGs ▪ Call for Committee Members 6/4/26-7/10/26 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ BOD 6/16/26 ▪ BOD 7/21/26 ▪ Election 7/23/26-8/21/26 ▪ BOD 8/18/26 - endorsement of 2027-2028 Legislative Priorities ▪ Call to Meeting 9/10/26 ▪ BOD 9/15/26 ▪ Exhibiting, NYSANA, Saratoga, 9/18-20/26 ▪ Exhibiting, Nurse Practitioners, Niagara Falls, 11/12-14/26 ▪ BOD 10/20/26 ▪ 14th Annual Conference, ESP (Effective, Social & Professional) Essential Skills of Nursing, Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY, 11/12/26-11/14/26 https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/albtygi-hilton-garden-inn-troy/ ▪ Call for 2027 Conference Abstracts 12/3/26-2/26/27 ▪ 15th Annual Conference, Woodcliff, Fairport, NY, 10/14/27-10/17/27 https://woodcliffhotelspa.com/ ▪ 16th Annual Conference, Windrose on Hudson, Ossining, NY, 11/2/28-11/4/28 https://www.windroseonhudson.com/ 	
ADJOURNMENT	<p>No further business.</p> <p>MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING – GISELLE GERARDI/LEE MANCUSO</p>	President Perkins adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.

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Respectfully submitted by,
Kennedee Blanchard
Member Engagement Associate