

**AMTA Board of Directors
Work Session
February 25, 2026
7:00-9:00pm ET / 6:00-8:00pm CT**

Present: Leslie Orozco Henry, Angie Snell, Elect Brian Jantz, Nicki Bowen, BriAnne Weaver, Krista Cole Furstenberg, Steven Franco Santiago, Nicole Hahna, Melanie Kwan, Della Molloy Daugherty, and Mia Krings.

7:00 pm ET Welcome/Introductions Leslie Henry

Meeting called to order. President Henry welcomed the 2026-27 Board of Directors and facilitated introductions.

7:05 pm ET Agenda and Logistics Leslie Henry

Motion 1: Move to accept the consent agenda as presented.

Author: Leslie Henry

Motion carried.

1. 02/25/26 Board of Directors Work Session Agenda
2. 01/26/26 Board of Directors Work Session Minutes
3. AMTA Standing Committee Chairs (Co-Chairs)
 - a. Interprofessional Collaboration Committee: Sarah Pitts
 - a. International Relations Committee: Dr. Yu-Ling Chen
 - a. Research Committee: Dr. Lisa Gallagher
2. Motions for Program Re-approval
 - a. University of the Incarnate Word
 - a. Radford University

7:25 pm ET President Updates Leslie Henry

The following motions passed by digital voting between board work sessions:

- 2 new ad hoc members, Dr. Cindy Ropp and Dr. Daniel Evans, Ad Hoc members of APAC.
- 1 new DEI/AJ member to the board of directors, Krystal Bloom.
- Council Coordinator on Association Services, Dr. Della Molloy Daugherty.
- A new Master's in Music Therapy at State of New York University Fredonia.
- A new Bachelor of Music Therapy degree at Florida International University.
- A new Bachelor of Science in Music Therapy at Pacific Lutheran.

AMTA has been invited to attend a portion of the CBMT Board of Directors retreat on Saturday, February 28, 2026, to provide a summary of AMTA activities and be available for dialogue.

AMTA staff and a variety of members of the Board of Directors will provide representation at MAR-AMTA, GLR-AMTA, and SER-AMTA before the next meeting.

A significant amount of applications was received for the Education and Clinical Training Coordinator position and a process was developed to review and score criteria for the closest alignment between the candidate and the role.

March 15th- 21st, 2026 is National Creative Arts Therapies Week, promoted by NCCATA.

An upcoming Crisis, Disaster, Emergency: Resources for Music Therapists will be presented by Dr.'s Jennifer Sokira and Becky Wellman on Wednesday, March 4 and the offering is free to the public.

Angie Snell is coordinating the 2025 Member Recognition awards and nominations are open until March 8, 2026.

7:35 pm ET

AMTA Symposium

Nicki Bowen

Nicki Bowen presented a three year look back on the numbers of Symposia registrants. Brief discussion on scholarship donations from 2025 that included \$6,000 donated to underwrite 80 professionals valued at \$75. Discussion continued regarding how to seek out donors for the 2026 year and will be reviewed by the Board workgroup, New Income Generation.

Motion: The AMTA Board of Directors approve the following 2026 AMTA Symposium rates: \$0 for students, \$75 / \$125 / \$175 / \$225 for professionals. Motion carried.

7:45 pm ET

AMTA Professional Competencies

**BriAnne Weaver
Angie Snell
Nicole Hahna**

Speaker, BriAnne Weaver summarized the current state of the AMTA Professional Competencies process. The Board of Directors goal is to bring forth a motion to accompany revisions identified by a board workgroup (Speaker BriAnne Weaver, Assembly Nicole Hahna, Immediate Past President Angie Snell, Assembly Steven Franco Santiago, Vice President Elect Marta Hernandez Candelas).

Four action tasks identified prior to motion:

1. Review the competencies for language revision and identification of any perceived gaps.

2. Avoid scope of work limits when instructing students and development of a preamble to support Academic Program Directors and Internships.
3. Continued dialogue with APAC and AIAC to identify an implement by process dependent on context (existing programs, new programs under review, programs under review for re-approval).
4. Identify the type of group that would provide ongoing review of the competencies.

Co-chairs of the CRTF Laurie Keough and Piper Laird were available for questions and provided historical context and guidance to the board.

A motion from the Board of Directors could be ready for the Assembly of Delegates in quarter two of 2026 is anticipated.

7:50 pm ET APAC Committee Carmen Osburn

Co-Chair Carmen Osburn presented new policy and procedure documents that provide audience relevant information to the person needing the information. An external document has been created for academic institutions applying for approval and those applying for re-approval. Another internal document was created for committee use. These documents were provided as information to the Board of Directors.

She shared the committee will have recommendations for standards edits in the coming months.

**8:20 pm ET Board Orientation Leslie Henry
Brian Jantz**

President Henry and President Elect Jantz presented Part II of the Board Orientation. The board were divided into small breakout groups and were assigned sections of the AMTA bylaws to review and discuss with each group to complete a worksheet prompt. When the board reconvened from small groups, work was shared in the large group.

8:34 pm ET Assembly Agenda BriAnne Weaver

Motion: To accept the March 3 Assembly of Delegates agenda to be accepted as presented. Motion carried.

9:10 pm ET Goodwill & Announcements Leslie Henry

President Henry provided reminders.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2026

8:00 PM AT / 7:00 PM ET / 6:00 PM ET / 5:00 PM MT / 4:00 PM PAC

Krista Cole Furstenberg, Mia Krings, Melanie Kwan, and Nicki Bowen provided announcements.

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting.

Author: Angie Snell

Motion carried.

9:10 pm ET

Adjournment