

**AMTA Board of Directors
Work Session
March 30, 2026
7:00-9:00pm ET / 6:00-8:00pm CT**

Present: Leslie Orozco Henry, Angie Snell, Elect Brian Jantz, Nicki Bowen, Marta Hernandez Candelas, BriAnne Weaver, Krista Cole Furstenberg, Steven Franco Santiago, Nicole Hahna, Melanie Kwan, Krystal Bloom, Della Molloy Daugherty, and Mia Krings, Becky Engen, Megan McCausland.

7:00 pm ET Welcome/Introductions Leslie Orozco 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 Orozco Henry

Motion 1: Move to accept the agenda as presented.

Author: Leslie Henry

Motion carried.

7:10 pm ET Minutes Leslie Orozco Henry

Motion 2: Move to accept the minutes as presented.

Author: Leslie Henry

Motion carried.

7:15 pm ET President Updates Leslie Orozco Henry

The process continues on hiring the Education and Clinical Training Coordinator. Recognition of the deaths of Tom Ott, benefactor of the Arthur Flagler Fultz Fund, Barbara Wheeler, Past President of AMTA.

A brief sharing of experiences of regional conferences was invited. Discussion was held about the reapproval of the Temple Music Therapy programs and additional information was requested by the Board for review.

7:25 pm ET BOD Workgroups All

Community agreements and culture work group shared a focus of inclusivity for community members supported by Meet on April 21st to continue considerations on a community agreements framework and explore new processes for meetings. The group's next meeting is April 21, 2026.

Board communication work group: Continue developing a workflow/decision framework for when to issue public statements, and collect information on practices from other organizations and determine topics to include in Board updates to the membership. Their next meeting is April 14, 2026.

Member recognition work group: Review and proposal of new awards, including consideration of awards for "friends of music therapy" and permanent member-nominated awards were shared. The work group's next meeting will be on April 13, 2026.

New Income Generation work group: Topics discussed include the 2026 AMTA symposium, patron memberships, potential corporate partnerships, and content building strategies, with their next meeting scheduled for April 14th, 2026.

7:55 pm ET

AMTA Competencies

**BriAnne Weaver
Angie Snell**

The board discussed current efforts on reviewing the AMTA Professional Competencies including meetings to consider AMTA Assembly of Delegates feedback on the document. A plan was developed to distribute a draft document to the Assembly and a recommendation of a work group to review and make recommendations to document on a continuous basis. Group composition, and ensuring diverse representation, including individuals with lived experience and expertise across different aspects of music therapy education and staggered involvement to provide continuity and innovation were discussed as considerations. Agreement was reached that work groups and committees would be appointed or approved by the board to ensure proper oversight.

8:25 pm ET

Board Orientation

Leslie Orozco Henry

The board participated in board orientation with a focus on fiduciary duties including duty of care, duty of loyalty, and duty of obedience. Board members discussed alignment of donors, conflict of interest, and deepened understanding of restricted funds.

8:55 pm ET

Goodwill & Announcements

Leslie Orozco Henry

President Henry provided reminders.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 29, 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.

9:00 pm ET

Adjournment