

**AMTA Board of Directors
Work Session
April 29, 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, Krista Cole Furstenberg, Steven Franco Santiago, Nicole Hahna, Melanie Kwan, Della Molloy Daugherty, and Mia Krings, and Laurie Peebles.

7:00 pm ET Welcome/Introductions Leslie Orozco Henry

Meeting called to order. President Henry welcomed all to the meeting.

7:05 pm ET Agenda and Logistics All

Motion 1: Move to accept the agenda as presented.

Author: Leslie Henry

Motion carried.

7:10 pm ET Minutes All

Motion 2: Move to accept the minutes as presented.

Author: Leslie Henry

Motion carried.

7:15 pm ET President Updates Leslie Orozco Henry

President Orozco Henry encouraged all board members to learn about the Sound Health Alliance and ways to engage with partners outside of music therapy to build collaboration with stakeholders that promote music therapy and music and health and well-being.

She provided updates on challenges academic programs are facing with lower enrollment, external pressures on funding, content, and enrollment.

7:45 p.m. ET Executive Session Leslie Orozco Henry

Motion 3: Move to return from executive session.

Author: Leslie Henry

Motion carried.

7:45 pm ET

BOD Workgroups

All

Community agreements and culture work group: The team discussed developing community agreements and culture for the organization. They reviewed a draft value statement that emphasizes respect, amplifying marginalized voices, and creating inclusive spaces for difficult conversations. Nicole read the proposed statement, which aims to center humility and intention while acknowledging that safe spaces look different for everyone. The group plans to pilot the agreements with the board and hopes to collaborate with assembly.

Board communication work group: The board communication group discussed plans to bolster social media and email communication presence.

Member recognition work group: The member recognition group presented updates to AMTA's awards, including modifications to the Research Publication Award, Advocate of Music Therapy Award, and Award of Merit, with plans to announce nominations in May and present awards at the Fall 2026 AMTA Business Meeting.

New Income Generation work group: The new income group reported on initiatives to increase revenue, including potentially offering a free CMTE in May and a webinar on crisis intervention.

8:15 pm ET

APAC Workflow Documents Leslie Orozco Henry

Documents outlining the application for new academic programs and approvals was reviewed as provided by the Academic Approval Committee.

Motion 3: Move to accept the APAC new academic programs and approvals pending legal review from Maryland NonProfits.

Author: Angie Snell

Motion Carried

8:30 pm ET

AMTA Competencies

BriAnne Weaver

Angie Snell

Speaker Weaver and Immediate Past President Snell shared that a small working group continues to meet to refine language based on questions and clarifications and look for consistency within the document prior to the presentation to the Assembly of Delegates. The Assembly will receive the proposed document 10-14 days prior to the Assembly of Delegates meeting on May 19, 2026.

The Board of Directors action steps include providing a recommendation for a continuous review work group, review changes with the CRTF, APAC, and AIAC, and draft a motion for the Assembly. Discussion centered on establishing a committee to review competencies, with considerations for member selection including diverse

representation, lived experience, and regional representation. The group discussed possible student inclusion.

Announcements about the Assembly meeting will go out via email and social media. Registered participants and Assembly members will receive a brief orientation video about the competencies.

8:55 pm ET Goodwill & Announcements Leslie Orozco Henry

President Henry provided reminders about the upcoming Assembly of Delegates meeting on May 19, 2026 and the next AMTA BOD work session.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

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

9:20 pm ET Adjournment

Motion: Move to adjourn the meeting.

Author: Angie Snell

Motion carried.