

**AMTA Work Session
December 16, 2025
6:30-9:55 pm ET**

Present: Angie Snell, Leslie Orozco Henry, Jen Sokira, Mia Krings, Alison Deran, Kendall Joplin, Chelsea Mabes, Megan McCausland, Lori Gooding, BriAnne Weaver, and Jeff Angell.

6:30 pm ET

Check In/Call to Order

Angie Snell

- Meeting called to order
- Quorum reached

Motion: Move to approve the agenda by consensus.

Author: Jen Sokira

Motion carries

Motion: Move to approve the 12/9/25 minutes.

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Motion carries

6:45 pm ET

Term Wrap Up

Angie Snell, President

- Elections Update
 - President Snell recognizes Leslie Henry, the new President Elect (on the call)
 - President Snell spoke with other candidates
 - Recognizing Megan McCausland as the new Treasurer

- AIAC Pending Co-Chair Vacancy
 - Looking at the process to fill the vacancy
 - Asked to reach out for more candidates

Motion: Move to approve Rachael Lawrence-Lupton as a new AIAC Co-chair, effective upon AIAC Co-Chair Susan Glaspell's last day of service.

Author: Angie Snell

Motion Carries

- APAC Re-Approval Recommendation

Motion: Move to re-approve the University of Alabama's Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy program as recommended by the Academic Program Approval Committee.

Author: Angie Snell

Motion Carries

Lori Gooding, Past President

- Music Man recognized everything happening at the state and federal levels, stress of nonprofits, and provided additional support to existing partners: \$20,000, by the end of the year, unrestricted money

Leslie Orozco Henry, President Elect

- Discussion to earmark for Member Support, membership for folks facing challenges in becoming members
 - Proposal to provide for more than 1 year
 - 80 scholarships at \$250
 - Donors often want you to spend the money within the year given
 - Necessity to word things properly
 - Sticky button - "Donate" which will move from page to page
 - Consideration for membership support and community support, call from DEI committees, restorative justice, and elevating voices that are not heard
 - Progressive stacking - prioritizing underrepresented voices
 - Asking Music Man for permission for more time, to develop a plan for more impact
 - Doing the labor to propose ideas, and then seeking consultation for which idea to move forward with
 - Can we find a way other than first come first serve, but also avoiding making decisions about who is more deserving than others
 - Largest joining season is 1st quarter

Motion: I move the American Music Therapy Association Board of Directors approve the anticipated gift of \$20,000 from the Music Man Foundation be utilized for 2026 scholarship for membership to welcome new or returning professional music therapy community members facing financial hardships such as job loss or reductions in clients or reimbursements, or impacted by systemic or institutional harm or injustices. The president will appoint a small task force focused on accessibility and equity to guide staff in this scholarship's distribution.

To be moved to email vote

7:45pm

Board unanimously recognizes Jen Sokira's lasting contributions to the Board and the future of AMTA.

Recognizing Mia Krings

Recognizing Nicole Bowen, filling an uncertain void. Nicole recognized Jen for her planning and preparation, including making videos. Acknowledging Lori.

Recognizing Lori Gooding for planting seeds that will continue to grow. Lotus flower represents who we are, our essence and beauty, even during murky times.

Motion (symbolic): Move to document the BOD unanimously expresses deep gratitude to Lori Gooding for her distinguished service to AMTA during her term of office of President Elect, President, and Past President. Her leadership, role modeling, actions, vision, and inspiration will continue to positively impact AMTA and the profession – a true Impact Creator.

Recognizing Leslie Henry.

Recognizing Kendall, BriAnne, and Alison. Time for us to evolve.

Recognizing Council coordinators.

Recognizing Chelsea Mables

Recognizing Megan McCausland. Treasure-elect!

8:30 pm ET Treasurer's Update Leslie Orozco Henry, President Elect

- Board will need to vote on (1) membership scholarships and (2) the amended budget
 - Added \$3500 more in contributions/income
 - Trimmed \$12,000 off of consultant fees
 - Investing in a certificate of deposit with bank
 - Moving investments from Wilmington Trust to MMT Wealth Mgmt, where fees are less
 - *All of these actions will result in no more deficit*

- **(Angie)** Minutes will also go out for approval via email
- Space in shared folder to drop end of summary form, not necessary by the end of the year

9:55 pm ET

Adjournment

Angie Snell, President