



STATE ACADEMY FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
SAPA Board Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, February 3, 2026, Start Time
Zoom Meeting: [Zoom Link](#)

A. Attendance

- o **Members Present:**
 - Aaron Schwartz
 - Daniel Cunningham
 - Brian Nussbaum
 - Kara Langdon
 - Fausto Franco
 - Luis Luna-Reyes
 - Roslyn “Roz” Watrobski
- o **Guests Present:**
 - N/A
- o **Members Absent:**
 - Molly Reilly - Illness
 - Geza Hrazdina – Traveling
 - Mila Gasco-Hernandez – Teaching
 - Henrik Westin

B. Board Meeting Minutes and Recap from 1-6-2026

- o Brian Moved, Fausto Seconded - Approved

C. Membership: (~~Molly~~) Daniel

- o **New Member Applicants:**
 - Michael Shollar, Executive Deputy Commissioner, NYS Department of Taxation & Finance
 - a. Requested member status, but experience meets criteria as a full Fellow of the Academy.

- b. Dan moved to accept as Fellow, Fausto Seconds, Roz notes good grace, determination, and that he would make an excellent addition.
 - i. Approved – Dan will reach out to Molly and Copy Mike about his acceptance at the Fellow level.

- o **Member Reinstatement Application: Not Applicable**
- o Update on Letter Writing Campaign to Legislature: Held for next month's meeting.

D. Chair Update: (Daniel)

- o Update on 2026 Annual Excellence in Public Service Ceremony scheduled for 5-21-2026 at ETEC on the SUNY Albany Campus.
- o Awards nomination solicitations went out to all agencies the week of 1-26 – 1-30. We are on track to receive nominations by the March ³/₄ Deadline. The nominations will then go to Joan Sullivan and committee for action at April meeting. Each board member is asked to remind your leadership of the award and encourage applications.
- o Dan will go over the distribution list with Luis on 2-4 about the Steigman Award.
- o Daniel received a note from Center for Women in Government on annual conference on April 15, 2026, at the Empire State Plaza – Women's Leadership – Excellence Amid Turmoil – Keynote – Albany Mayor
 - SAPA has distributed an update on the conference to our membership. Dan will send the materials to Aaron for distribution to SAPA membership.
- o Annual meeting was conducted in April in 2025, Dan proposed that our annual meeting on April 7, 2025, via Zoom – this increased attendance, it seems like a good idea to repeat this again this year as it aligns with our board members and their ability to attend.
- o Bylaws require 30 days' notice – No later than March 6th – Dan will put together a notice, send to Aaron for Distribution prior to March 6th.

E. Essentials Update (Daniel)

- o Nature and Structure of State Government – 2-4-2026 in Training Room 3 in OGS – Richard Rose who is a Fellow in the Academy provides the session – All board members are invited to attend if available.

F. Programming Update (Mila)

- o Leaders Learn Sessions
 - Section 1: Tail Risk - 2-11 - 6-8pm - Husted Hall
 - a. 13 Registered
 - Section 2: People Risk - 3-18 - 6-8pm – Zoom
 - a. 12 Registered
 - Section 3: All the President’s Data - 4-15 - 6-8pm - Husted Hall
 - a. 9 Registered
- o Annual Excellence in Public Service Ceremony - 5-21-2026 - ETC SUNY Albany Campus

G. Collaborative Discussion

- o Discussion of the outline for the annual meeting and preparation.
 - Tabled for March.
- o Do we want to consider meeting on a different meeting due to the conflicts with Tuesday evenings?
 - Dan will send a note to board members to see availability for other evenings.
- o As we discuss the Annual Meeting – we need to think about annual elections – ballot go out to membership in May with announcement of new board members in June – we also need to look at Board leadership transition
 - Dan will be moving to Ex-Officio as he will have completed 2 three-year terms on the Board
 - a. We will need a new Chair and will open call for nominees for the positions of:
 - i. Vice Chair
 - ii. Secretary
 - iii. Treasurer
 - b. We will revisit in March seeking Nominees.

H. Treasurer’s Report: (Kara)

- o Will provide a list of those SAPA members who have paid 2026 dues so that Secretary (Aaron) can create listserv of those members who have paid for 2026 in Constant Contact.

I. Communications Update: (Kara)

- o Shall be asked for update on budget numbers

J. Secretary Update: (Aaron)

- o Email Reminder for 2-11 Event will go out.
- o Will provide a listing of members who have paid dues in Constant Contact.
 - 1 payment has come in and that was the recent member that we approved of from SUNY Brockport.

- o Aaron will coordinate with Kara for a call letter related to Dues.

K. Schedule of Upcoming Meetings

- o **Next Board Meetings:**

- Wednesday, March 11, 2026 - 6:00pm - [March Zoom Link](#)
- Wednesday April 15, 2026 – 6:00pm - [April Zoom Link](#)
- Wednesday May 13, 2026 – 6:00pm - [May Zoom Link](#)
- Wednesday June 10, 2026 – 6:00pm - [June Zoom Link](#)

L. Adjourn Formal Meeting Time: 6:20pm

- o Roz Motions, Brian Seconds.