



New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

Legislative Steering Committee REPORT

February 12, 2020

Andy Kachaylo
Chair

Dan Davies
Vice-Chair

The Committee approved the reports from the September 24, 2019 and January 28, 2020 meetings.

NYSAR staff provided the Committee with an update on Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget proposal, including proposed changes to the state's STAR Program, changes to wetlands oversight, and efforts to change independent contractor status. Staff also provided an update on NYSAR fair housing efforts and revised Department of State guidance regarding licensees and compliance with the Tenant Protection Act

A motion from the Education Management Committee requesting that NYSAR seek a legislative change to allow for continuing education courses to be held within brokerage firms was defeated.

A motion from the Commercial Issues Working Group requesting that NYSAR oppose Governor Cuomo's Executive Budget proposal to expand the oversight of wetlands in New York by the Department of Environmental Conservation was approved.

The Committee approved a motion to support legislation (S.7581), that would increase the number of fair housing continuing education from 3 hours to 6 hours, while suggesting that the total number of continuing education hour requirements not be increased and remain at 22.5 hours.

The Committee approved a motion to support legislation (S.7625), that would create a state fair housing testing program to be conducted by the state Attorney General.

The Committee approved a motion to support legislation (S.7024), that would create a paired testing program to be conducted by the state Division of Human Rights, while amending the bill to exclude a provision that would create an additional compliance fee on the issuance and renewal of a real estate license.