



New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

Legislative Steering Committee REPORT

February 10, 2021

Dan Davies
Chair

Angelo Pappalardo
Vice-Chair

The Committee approved the reports from the October 30, 2020, December 10, 2020, and January 29, 2021 meetings.

NYSAR staff provided the Committee with an update on the 2021-22 Governor's Executive Budget.

Chairs from the Article 12-A, NYC Issues, Coop Issues and Commercial Issues working groups presented their reports.

The committee discussed the status of fair housing legislation in the State Legislature. The committee approved a motion to continue to oppose S.2525-A, which would require the collection and disclosure of demographic information from consumers and require brokers to provide transaction information to the Department of State.

The committee approved a motion directing staff to seek the introduction of legislation that would remove the ban on telemarketing by real estate licensees during States of Emergency.

The committee approved a motion to support legislation (S.6679-C of 2020) that would commission a study to expand broadband in rural areas of New York State.

The committee approved a motion to adopt NYSAR's 2021 Legislative Priorities with amendments to include opposition to S.1448, which would require written signatures by real estate licensees on every document requiring a signature, opposition to S.2525-A, and support for a broadband study (S.6679-C). A separate motion was approved to include within the Legislative Priorities, language expressing support for the development of more affordable housing throughout the State.

Staff provided an update on a new law that would require disclosure of reasonable accommodations for disabled tenants; the status of NYSAR's legal challenges to the 2019 rent regulation laws and the collection of broker fees and opposition efforts regarding a state proposal to impose a pied-a-terre property tax increase in New York City.