New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

Legislative Steering Committee
REPORT

NYSAR Mid-Winter Business Meetings
Wednesday, February 11, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Rey Hollingsworth Falu
Chair

Kira Witherwax
Vice Chair

The Committee approved the report from the September 16, 2025 meeting.

NYSAR staff provided the Committee with a report on the Governor's proposed 2026 Executive Budget.

Staff reviewed priority legislation including requiring written buyer representation agreements, increasing the experience required to become a real estate broker, annual anti-sexual harassment training for real estate licensees, amending state law to permit telemarketing during certain states of emergency, and the successful enactment of legislation prohibiting long-term real estate service agreements.

Staff also reviewed state legislation that would impose a right for a purchaser to obtain a home inspection and legislation known as the REST Act which would streamline the ability for municipalities to adopt rent stabilization laws.

Staff provided an update on efforts to permit licensed real estate professionals and appraisers to use body armor. Staff also provided an update on a NYSAR-supported lawsuit challenging current New York State Department of Environmental Conservation freshwater wetlands regulations.

Staff reviewed New York City related legislative issues including the successful enactment of the NYSAR supported coop transparency law, a veto of the Community Opportunity to Purchase Act, an update on a NYSAR-supported legal challenge to the FARE Act, and the approval of a NYSAR-supported New York City Charter Commission housing proposal.

Chairs from the Article 12-A, NYC Issues, Co-op Issues and Commercial Issues Working Groups presented their reports.

The Committee approved a motion in support of the legislative priorities.

The Committee discussed issues surrounding battery energy storage systems, impacts of 2024 changes to the Property Condition Disclosure Statement, and current practices involving private listing networks.