New York State Association of REALTORS®, Inc.

Executive Committee Minutes
High Street 24-26 – Crowne Plaza Albany – The Desmond Hotel
February 11, 2026

Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by President, Ron Garafalo. A quorum was present.

Members Present
Ron Garafalo, Hudson Gateway
Dan Staley, Dutchess County
Anthony Domathoti, Hudson Gateway
Jacqlene Rose, Otsego Delaware
Lori Adams, Buffalo Niagara
Teresa Belmore, Hudson Gateway
Laura Burns, Greate Capital
Yvette Clark Watkins, Long Island
Dan Davies, Southern Adirondack
Mark Donnelly, Long Island
Rey Hollingsworth Falu, Hudson Gateway
Dave Legaz, Long Island
Amy Little, Ithaca
Linda Lugo, Long Island
Linda Page, Dutchess County
Karen Peebles, Jefferson Lewis
Dennis Pezzimenti, Chautauqua Cattaraugus
Anthony Ruperto, Hudson Gateway
Liz Trego, St. Lawrence
Jason Wlach, Hudson Valley Catskill Region

Excused Absences
John Gerace, Buffalo Niagara

Unexcused Absence
Mercedes Brien, NYS Commercial

Staff Present
Duncan MacKenzie, NYSAR CEO
Anthony Gatto, Esq., NYSAR Director of Legal Services
Ali Mann, NYSAR Director of Governance & Board Relations
Libby Rentz, NYSAR Chief Financial Operations Officer

President's Report
Ron Garafalo, President

With no corrections, the minutes of the September 16, 2025 Executive Committee meeting held at the Turning Stone Resort & Casino in Verona, NY were approved as published.

With no corrections, the minutes of the December 1, 2025 Executive Committee meeting held via Zoom were approved as published.

President Garafalo noted his intentions to create an Elected Officer Candidate Policy PAG.

Legal Action Committee
Liz Trego, Vice Chair

The Legal Action Committee recommends that NYSAR contribute up to an additional $50,000 for the appeal of NYSAR/REBNY v NYC challenging the FARE Act. These additional funds are needed as the cost of the appeal before the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals came in over the original estimate. NYSAR and REBNY are splitting the cost of the litigation 50/50. NYSAR and REBNY have already contributed $275,000 each to the appeal.

Executive Committee action: A motion was carried to recommend approval.

Organizational Planning Committee
Jason Walch, Chair

The Organizational Planning Committee recommends that the Statewide Forms Committee be restructured as follows:

Chair: Dan Staley NYSAR 2026 President-Elect
Vice Chair: Anthony Domathoti NYSAR 2026 Treasurer

Appointment	**Name**	**Term Expires**
Genesee Region	Elayna Bittner	12/31/2026
Southern Tier Region	CJ DelVecchio	12/31/2026
Capital Region	Kathie Spangler	12/31/2026
At Large	John Vernazza	12/31/2026
Metropolitan Region	David Legaz	12/31/2027
Central Region	Laurie Omans	12/31/2027
Western Region	Joe Rivellino	12/31/2027
At Large	Moses Seuram	12/31/2027
Adirondack Region	Jennifer Stevenson	12/31/2028
Lower Hudson Region	Ronald Garafalo	12/31/2028
At Large	Michael Mendicino	12/31/2028
At Large	Steve Rose	12/31/2028
Local Board Counsel Rep.	Jim Braman	12/31/2026
Local Board AE Rep.	John Leonardi	12/31/2026
Multiple Listing Rep.	Richard Haggerty	12/31/2026
Immediate Past President	Jacqlene Rose	12/31/2026

Executive Committee action: A motion was carried to recommend approval.

The Organizational Planning Committee recommends that the NYSAR Opportunity Plan be amended as follows: (attached)

Executive Committee action: A motion was carried to recommend approval.

The Organizational Planning Committee recommends that the NYSAR Association Executives Forum sunset.

Executive Committee action: A motion was carried to recommend approval.

The Organizational Planning Committee recommends that the NYSAR Immediate Past President serve on certain NYSAR committees. As a housekeeping measure, several NYSAR committees have the NYSAR Leadership Team as members for their term. The NYSAR Immediate Past President has been added as an official member of the Leadership Team and should also be included as a member of Budget and Finance and Organizational Planning Committee.

Executive Committee action: A motion was carried to recommend approval.

Treasurer's Report
Anthony Domathoti, Treasurer

Treasurer Domathoti reviewed the financial statement for the period ending December 31, 2025.

Unfished Business
There was no unfinished business to come before the committee.

New Business

The Compensation Committee provided a report recommending to the Executive Committee that Mike Kelly be awarded a 5-year Contract as NYSAR CEO starting January 1, 2027.

Executive Committee action: approved.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.