



July 16, 2025
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern
Board Meeting
Minutes

Roll Call

Roll and Welcome

Eric

Present: Eric Durbin, Wendy Aldinger, Sarah Nash, Carolyn Bancroft, Lori Koch, Lihua Liu, Joshua Mazuryk, Valerie Somma, Lori Swain Iris Zachary (Arrived at ITEM #2)

Ex Officio: Karen Knight

Staff: Stephanie Hill, Charlie Blackburn

Governance

1. Lori Swain Advisory Board Member 2025-2026

Eric

➤ **Action** - Vote by Board

Eric nominated Lori Swain as an Advisory Board Member for 2025 -2026. The Board unanimously supported Lori and thanked her for serving again.

The motion to approve Lori Swain as an Advisory Board Member for 2025-2026 was passed.

2. 2025 Conference Update

Charlie / Stephanie

➤ Registrations and Administration

Charlie

➤ Evaluations and Board Feedback

Stephanie

Karen thanked the Board for their support and attendance at the 2025 NAACCR Annual Conference. She said that feedback after the conference was good. The Executive Office was able to conclude most post-conference activities in June. Attendance was 288 individuals. TRAC had 30 registrants. Charlie noted that he just received the final bills and will provide the Board with the fiscal report in August.

Stephanie provided the Board with a summary of the evaluations from the 2025 conference. This report will be available on the Board SHARE site after the July meeting. The response rate was about the same as in 2024. However, there were no partial responses this year and last year there were several. Logistics approval was high. The mobile application approval was very good but there are some improvements that are needed for next year. These will be noted with Venue West. A general outline of suggested topics was also provided. She encouraged the Board to forward any comments to her after the meeting if they were not shared at this ZOOM meeting. All suggestions and comments will be relayed to the 2026 conference program committee for consideration. General comments of the conference and venue were mostly positive. Specifically, Sarah noted that there may be an opportunity for an AI workshop. Everyone agreed that there are a few avenues relating to AI which could be offered. Workshops, plenary sessions, concurrent talks. There were a number of concurrent talks on this subject at the 2025 conference.

3. Budgets and NCI Contract Update

Karen / Charlie

Karen said that the NCI contracts are now in hand. She reviewed the total cuts per task order and provided an overall NCI contract cut estimate. Activities are being prioritized, which will continue to be evaluated over the next several weeks. Karen and Stephanie were in close contact with NCI in May and June. This allowed NAACCR to work with NCI on options for de-scoped activities and priorities. We will receive a contract modification with de-scoped work at the end of July. The NCCR was hit very hard, with an almost 50% cut in the total expected budget. However, some activities have been reinstated with a portion of that work being funded through alternative partners with NCI. The cuts will impact a portion of consultants, registry payments, subcontracts, and a pause on filling the

Program Manager of Standards position which is being vacated in October due to Lori Havener's retirement. Fund 15, and Fund 10 budgets will be available to the Board at the August meeting for approval. It was noted that budgets presented in August will assume funding of the CDC Cooperative Agreement in.

4. Investment Recommendation by Damon Hofstrand, Merrill Lynch **Charlie**

➤ Recommendation by Mr. Hofstrand

Mr. Damon Hofstrand, NAACCR's Merrill Lynch Investment Advisor, has performed his periodic review of NAACCR's portfolio. Mr. Hofstrand and his group recommend that NAACCR move away from the Washington Mutual Fund and place the holdings in the Calvert US Large Cap Value Responsible Index Fund. This will ensure that NAACCR's holdings abide by all of its investment policy guidelines. He also recommended a slight change to NAACCR's bond holdings. Charlie provided additional rationale and recommended these actions be considered and approved by the Board.

The motion to approve Mr. Hofstrand's recommendations was passed.

5. CERT Next Steps **Karen / Eric / Wendy**

➤ Communication and Implementation

Next steps on the CERT Task Force recommendations were outlined. Karen, Eric, and Wendy provided recommendations for the Board to consider. It was noted an implementation work group will need to be created at some point. The concept is to have a soft roll out. A large announcement / quick roll out may be challenging for registries to absorb. They also propose to reevaluate the process, communication, and status every six months. The Board is supportive of the recommendations and thanked Karen, Eric, Wendy, and the CERT Task Force for their efforts.

6. Advocacy Updates and Next Steps **Karen**

NAACCR has been very active in the field's education for advocacy partners. Karen noted that there has been a lot of activity with other partners and assisting them with education efforts and information. Stephanie created a SHARE site for documentation on the value of cancer surveillance, which has had a lot of traffic and hundreds of downloads. Other activities include an invitation to write an editorial for the Cancer Letter and a funding survey of registries. Sarah asked if there is a need for more qualitative data on award versus actual funding as well as projections on the next fiscal year's cuts. After some discussion, Sarah will speak with Karen offline if needed.

Steering Committee Reports / Task Force Reports

Professional Development

7. Steering Committee Update **Lihua Liu / Valerie Somma**

There was no call in July due to conflicts and leadership changes.

Research and Data Use

8. Steering Committee Update **Sarah Nash / Carolyn Bancroft**

There was no call in July. It is scheduled for next Tuesday, July 22nd. They expect to bring some concepts and information to the Board in August.

Standardization and Registry Development

9. Steering Committee Update **Joshua Mazuryk / Iris Zachary**

Much of their discussion revolved around leadership at the lower committee levels. The Standards Alignment Task Force provided a presentation and update on activities. A V26 update was provided by Lori Havener. V26 has already been posted. The SRD workplan was updated. Rich Moldwin has been appointed to join the Mid-Level Tactical Group.

Strategic Planning and Alliances

10. Steering Committee Update

Wendy Aldinger / Eric Durbin

Wendy and Eric were unable to attend the last meeting; Karen provided an update. The group reviewed and released the relevance of cancer registries/NAACCR portfolio. This is located on the SHARE site. More social media and outreach are planned.

Program Updates

11. Program Updates

- **Canada**

Joshua

Josh said that activities are minimal at the moment because of summer activities. More activities will take shape in the fall. Most of the provinces are working through activities funded by CPAC. The CCCR is moving forward with definitions of the initial date of diagnosis as well as microscopically confirmed date. They are still considering moving to SEER for stage but there has been no official decision.

- **NCRA**

Lori S.

They are planning their 2026 conference in Louisville, KY. Additionally, they are working very hard on advocacy. She also requested help crafting a response to a Senator to help them understand what type of critical activities will be compromised when funding is cut from the cancer surveillance space. Eric asked how the feedback from legislators is going. Lori said it is going as well as can be expected. There is a lot of support on the Democratic side of the aisle, but more support is needed on the Republican side. The Board also discussed various other approaches and individuals / organizations to contact. The Board thanked NCRA for their leadership and guidance in the advocacy efforts. Lihua also said that she can help Lori with the response to the Senator on the mesothelioma registry.

- **NPCR**

Wendy

Most states received their awards from CDC on the last day possible; others were received a few days late. There is a NACDD webinar planned at the end of the month which will focus on the funding challenges. There are still some questions about next year's funding cycle. FY 25 is still in flux. FY 26 has even more questions but nothing more is known.

- **SEER**

Lihua / Eric

A SEER managers' call was held last week. Some guidance, updates, and next steps with funding were discussed but nothing definite was provided. Eric said that there will be more one on one discussions with SEER given that there will be staffing and resource cuts. As funding goes down then so will the amount of services and products registries will be able to provide. At the same time, there is a good opportunity for registries to work on efficiencies.

Other

None

Consent Agenda

12. Minutes

- June 2, 2025 Minutes

13. Membership Applications

- None

14. Correspondence and Other

- 2024 – 2025 Committee Participation Report

15. Board Timeline

- Board Timeline

16. Executive Director's Report

- Karen Knight's Executive Director's Report

17. Financial

➤ Current Financials

The motion to approve the consent agenda for July 16, 2025, was passed.

Adjournment

18. Adjournment and Next Meeting

All

The meeting adjourned at 3:36 PM Eastern. The next ZOOM meeting of the Board will be August 20, 2025 at 2:00 PM Eastern.

Schedule of Board Meetings July 2024 – June 2025

3rd Wednesday of each month. 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern

Board: 8/20, *9/17, 10/15, 10/30 (1 hr. Audit Presentation), 11/19, *12/17, 1/21, 1/30 (1 hr. Financials Review), 2/18, *3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/1 Monday, Hartford, CT (TBD if Board / Chair)

***Board / Chair 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern after BOD Meeting 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Eastern:** 9/17, 12/17, 3/18

Finance and Personnel Subcommittee 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Eastern: 8/6 (Fees Consideration 2026-2027 to be reported to Board in Sept.), 1/7 (placeholder if needed), 5/6 (Budget Review, Recommendation, and ED Review)

Quarterly Chairs Only 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Eastern: 8/13, 11/12, 2/11, 5/13

2025 - 2026 NAACCR Board Liaisons and Chairs

Committee/Priority Area

Standardization & Registry Development
Research & Data Use
Professional Development
Strategic Planning and Alliances
Mid-Level Tactical Group
High Level Strategic Group

Board Liaison(s)

Joshua Mazuryk and Iris Zachary
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2025 – 2026 Steering Committee Chairs

Committee

Standardization and Registry Development
Research and Data Use
Professional Development
Strategic Planning and Alliances

Chair(s)

Jenna Deniaud and Valerie Yoder
Angela Meisner and Angela Eckstrand
Barbara Dearmon-Neyland and Vijay Medithi
Monique Hernandez and Kevin Ward