



January 21, 2026
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern
Board Only Meeting
Minutes

Roll Call

Roll and Welcome

Wendy

Present: Wendy Aldinger, Sarah Nash, Carolyn Bancroft, Lori Koch, Joshua Mazuryk, Lori Swain, Iris Zachary, Lihua Liu, Valerie Somma

Ex Officio: Karen Knight

Staff: Stephanie Hill

Staff Excused: Charlie Blackburn

Guest: Ann Marie Hill, Consultant

Governance

1. Priorities and Topics for March In-Person Meeting

Wendy

a. Goals

Discuss critical priorities for the next year, develop a plan of action for coming year, and not make decisions about specific committees at this meeting.

b. Steering Committee Assessment

Karen presented ideas for improving the management of committees and workgroups, such as conducting annual assessments of committee health, and requiring charters for new groups, providing them to the Board for review. The first version of an assessment was shared with Steering Committees to complete by the March meeting.

c. Steering Committee Reports Review

Wendy said that all Board members should review the four Steering Committee reports due on February 1st, and note critical questions regarding status, performance, and plans.

d. Strategic Initiatives; Priorities Discussion

The Board reviewed NAACCR's strategic planning process, which began in 2022 and identified strategic initiatives. They discussed the need to assess these priorities considering changing circumstances, and in the current climate. Karen noted that core activities of the Steering Committees are not included in the strategic priorities. Wendy shared that Eric feels we should be focused on improving efficiencies by population-based data collection through EHR interfaces and AI methods. He also prioritized expanding the surveillance data set to remain current with oncology practice and evidence-based cancer prevention and control.

The group discussed and prioritized strategic initiatives, with policy and advocacy emerging as the top priority, followed by AI/technology/and new methods of data collection. Several members, including Iris and Karen, emphasized the latter as a key funding area and a way to maintain organizational sustainability. The group agreed to combine priorities two (innovative approaches to data collection) and three (informatics, artificial intelligence, and cloud technology) into a single focus area. Lori Swain and others shared that there should be a priority for organizational sustainment, under the advocacy/policy priority. Ann Marie added the Board needs to think about how to communicate these priorities to the Steering Committee chairs at the March meeting, so that they understand their expectations.

e. Other Topics

- In addition to discussing the Steering Committee assessment results, Lori Swain will facilitate an advocacy discussion at the Board/Chair meeting.
- The Board suggested a discussion regarding sustainability at the Board only meeting.

f. Board Liaison Reports

Wendy discussed Board liaison reporting back to the Board. The Board agreed the following questions would be helpful to Board liaisons.

- What activities (or progress) should we as an organization be aware of?
 - If applicable, how are partners being engaged?
- What issues were mentioned or discussed?
- Are any new WGs/TFs being considered and/or current ones being sunset?

For reports from Board liaisons to Steering Committees, the focus should be any direction from the Board.

2. Update on Virtual Pooled Registry Funding Project**Karen**

Karen provided an update on a VPR funding proposal to the Foundation for NIH, which may be pulled due to concerns about NAACCR's indirect rate being capped at 15%.

3. Advocacy Update**Karen**

Karen reported on advocacy efforts, including meetings with the College of American Pathologists and updates on the Labor HHS appropriations bill, which did not include desired language for SEER funding but is promising for cancer surveillance. She also shared about the planned Coffee Break with registry managers and directors, where advocacy and education efforts will be discussed.

4. 2026 Virtual Conference Update – Brief Verbal**Karen**

Karen said enough abstracts were received and there was no need to extend the deadline. The preliminary schedule should come out sometime next week.

Steering Committee Reports / Task Force Reports**5. Professional Development****Lihua Liu/Valerie Somma**

None

6. Research and Data Use**Sarah Nash/Carolyn Bancroft**

None

7. Standardization and Registry Development**Joshua Mazuryk/Iris Zachary**

None

8. Strategic Planning and Alliances**Wendy Aldinger**

Social media statistics on posts made by SPA were discussed and the next post was planned. Next steps regarding patient stories about the value of cancer surveillance. There is a new category in the Narrative that will highlight the stories. AJCC has a new representative on High Level Strategic Group, Sara Hoheisel.

Program Updates**9. Program Updates**

- **Canada**

Joshua

CCR published an article in Current Oncology titled Canadian Prostate Cancer Trends in Context of PSA Screening Guideline Changes in the U.S. The Canadian Cancer Registry file for 2002-2023 is delayed until March 2026. The Health Statistics Program at Statistics Canada held its first webinar on November 21st, which was showcasing Statistics Canada's extensive and diverse health data holdings. Work continues on

the CCCR strategic pilot projects, for the new date of diagnosis standard. British Columbia (BC) shared that they have integrated a diagnostic imaging report feed. BC and Stats Canada are both working on a tool called, Retrieval Augmented Generation, or RAG. The Canadian Cancer Society published the Canadian Cancer Statistics 2025 report.

- **NCRA**

Lori S.

Lori shared the Labor HHS bill does not include SEER-specific language they had hoped to get in the bill but may be in a future version. She expanded on the funding expected for the 2027 federal budget.

- **NPCR**

Wendy

All states are working on their budgets for 2026 – 2027 along with workplans and performance measures.

- **SEER**

Lihua

Lihua shared details regarding the SEER-endorsed real-world data infrastructure project led by Lynne Penberthy.

Consent Agenda

10. Minutes

- December 17, 2025

11. Membership Applications

- Gary Levin – Individual Retired Membership

The motion to approve Gary Levin’s Individual Retired Membership was approved.

12. Correspondence and Other

- Dues Status

13. Board Timeline

- Board Timeline

14. Executive Director’s Report

- Karen Knight’s Executive Director’s Report

15. Financial

- Current Financials

The motion to approve the consent agenda for January 21, 2026, was approved.

Adjournment

16. Adjournment and Next Meeting

All

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM Eastern. The next ZOOM meeting of the Board will be on February 18, 2026.

Schedule of Board Meetings July 2025 – June 2026

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

Board: 1/30 (1 hr. Financials Review), 2/18, *3/18, 4/15, 5/20, 6/17 (updated date)

***Board / Chair 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern after BOD Meeting 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Eastern:** 3/18 (this may be cancelled)

Finance and Personnel Subcommittee 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Eastern: 5/6 (Budget Review, Recommendation, and ED Review)

Quarterly Chairs Only 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM Eastern: 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

Board Liaison(s)

Joshua Mazuryk and Iris Zachary

Sarah Nash and Carolyn Bancroft

Lihua Liu and Valerie Somma

Wendy Aldinger and Eric Durbin

Mid-Level Tactical Group
High Level Strategic Group

Jenna Deniaud, Lori Koch, and Valerie Yoder
Wendy Aldinger and Eric Durbin

**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