



February 18, 2026
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM Eastern
Minutes

Roll Call

Roll and Welcome

Eric

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

Excused: Carolyn Bancroft

Ex Officio: Karen Knight

Staff: Stephanie Hill, Charlie Blackburn

Guest: Ann Marie Hill, Consultant

Governance

1. Advocacy Update

Karen

Karen referred to her report. She and Eric met with METAvivor, a patient advocacy group that is interested in registries collection of metastatic breast cancer, not just at initial diagnosis. She characterized the meeting as educational and positive. They agreed to work with NCRA and NAACCR for future collaborations. OVAC activities are ongoing. Most planned activities from other partners in the coming year will focus on more specific needs rather than broad, as in 2025.

2. 2026 and 2027 Conference Update

Karen

The 2026 plans are going well. Abstract reviews are underway and slotting will start soon. Registration is open and running.

Karen also reported that we have narrowed down the 2027 conference location to Little Rock and Indianapolis. There are pros and cons to each. She is recommending the Indianapolis property over Little Rock. She explained the nuances as to why this is the case. Additionally, she provided background on what conference year goes into what budget year. This is important for consideration of the budget for future years. She is also doing work with our attorney on critical work that is particularly important to handle very well. This will result in an overrun of the legal fees line item in the Indirect Rate Fund 15 budget. However, there will be more of an overall fund surplus in the Unrestricted Fund 10 budget, which will cover these costs and still carry a positive overall fund and budget balance. Separately, Karen asked for input from the Board on their experiences with central IRBs, which the Board provided input on. If NAACCR proceeds with the Indianapolis property, there will be a projected net loss in that budget year. Karen would need approval for her to proceed with negotiating with the Indianapolis property. Members discussed the pros and cons in detail and ultimately concluded that Karen should negotiate with Indianapolis.

The motion for Karen to proceed with negotiation with the Indianapolis property (understanding that there is projected budget overage) property was approved.

3. Priorities and Preparation for March In-Person Meeting

Eric

The major goals of this item were to clarify priorities, review meeting goals, and review the pre-work.



Karen and Eric are finalizing the March meeting agendas and wanted to review the Board's top priorities for that meeting. The Board confirmed that NAACCR's sustainability is one of the top two priorities; Karen will add this to the Board-only agenda for further discussion.

Eric provided a presentation on the future of NAACCR's work and how central cancer registries can adapt to opportunities created by changing technologies. Eric provided a comprehensive overview of the challenges and opportunities facing cancer registries in the era of artificial intelligence and electronic health records, emphasizing the need for NAACCR to lead in developing sustainable surveillance systems. The focus was on cancer registry data modernization and priorities. Eric discussed policy considerations for improving cancer registry data collection, including state and federal law changes to facilitate timely and accurate data reporting from electronic health records and AI systems. He highlighted opportunities for interoperable data standards and infrastructure development, such as the Data Counts initiative at NIH, which aims to collect data once and use it multiple times across federal agencies. Eric also emphasized the need to prepare registry professionals for navigating modern data ecosystems, including understanding data governance, ethical policies, and AI workflows, while ensuring patient information is protected. He suggested enhancing partnerships with current partners (like SEER and NPCR) and to build new partnerships with others (like academic institutions) to leverage AI for registry workflows and develop infrastructure to evaluate AI models effectively.

The board agreed that sustainability of NAACCR, and they discussed potential changes to data collection methods, certification standards, and funding sources to adapt to the rapidly evolving healthcare landscape.

Members of the Board thanked Eric for all his work and insight. They found it very educational. They would like to continue dialogue to determine next steps and any pre-work and may be needed before the Board and Chairs meet in March. Members asked questions to gain some clarification after Eric's presentation.

Ann Marie asked the Board to prioritize the items so that they can be added to the agenda. They decided to focus on the following:

1. Expanding structured pathology reporting
2. Direct electronic reporting from EHRs
3. Preparing for AI-derived fields

Lori suggested asking chairs what more they need to know to make decisions in the future.

4. Member Dues Status

Charlie

- Member past dues report.
- Board reach out if needed.

Charlie forwarded the status of member dues for the membership year of June 2025 – May 2026. There are still a few registries and sustaining members that have not paid. He said that reminders are sent monthly. At this stage, it is customary for the Board to help with reach out. He asked for volunteers to see if members of the Board would reach out for a final push for payment. Charlie will send a list to the Board so they can volunteer to contact.

5. Board Self-Assessment

Karen

- Assessment Report

Topic tabled until March.

Steering Committee Reports / Task Force Reports

Professional Development

6. Steering Committee Update
Topic tabled until March.

Lihua Liu / Valerie Somma

Research and Data Use

7. Steering Committee Update
Topic tabled until March.

Sarah Nash / Carolyn Bancroft

Standardization and Registry Development

8. Steering Committee Update
Topic tabled until March.

Joshua Mazuryk / Iris Zachary

Strategic Planning and Alliances

9. Steering Committee Update
Topic tabled until March.

Wendy Aldinger / Eric Durbin

Program Updates**10. Program Updates**

- **Canada**

Joshua

Josh noted that most updates will be provided at the March meeting.

- **NCRA**

Lori S.

Updates will be provided at the March meeting.

- **NPCR**

Wendy

A NPCR meeting will be held on March 3, 2026. Progress reports are due today.

- **SEER**

Lihua / Eric

SEER conducted an external review recently in preparation for the registry contract re-competition. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Other

None

Consent Agenda**11. Minutes**

- January 21, 2026, Minutes

12. Membership Applications

- None

13. Correspondence and Other

- Venue West Corporate Name Update

14. Board Timeline

- [View Board Timeline](#)

15. Executive Director's Report

- Karen Knight's Executive Director's Report

16. Financial

- Current Financials

The motion to approve the consent agenda for February 18, 2026, was approved.

Adjournment**17. Adjournment and Next Meeting**

All

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM Eastern. The next meeting of the Board will be in-person in Little Rock, Arkansas on Wednesday, March 4, 2026.

Schedule of Board Meetings - July 2025 – June 2026

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

Board: 3/4 (In-Person) 3/18 (If needed), 4/15, 5/20, 6/TBD (TBD if Board / Chair)

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

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: 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
Sarah Nash and Carolyn Bancroft
Lihua Liu and Valerie Somma
Wendy Aldinger and Eric Durbin
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