Albany Law School
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
Meeting Meetings

Date: September 23th, 2026

Room: 425

Time: 7:15 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

a. Welcome/Introduction
b. Roll Call for Quorum: Set at 18
   i. 23/28 Members Present
      1. **Executive President – Andrea Olano PRESENT**
      2. **Executive Vice President – Nicaya-Isabella Rios PRESENT**
      3. **Executive Treasurer – Isadore Mero PRESENT**
      4. **Executive Secretary – Kevin A. Titus PRESENT**
      5. **3L President – Kara Walker PRESENT**
      6. **3L Senator – Bryant Caizachana ABSENT**
      7. **3L Senator – Amanda Devlin PRESENT**
      8. **3L Senator – Veronica Nankervis-Werner PRESENT**
      9. **3L Senator – Natalia Karame PRESENT**
      10. **3L JD Flex Senator- Joshua Kranz CLASS**
      11. **2L President – Frederick Anson PRESENT**
      12. **2L Senator – Jeremy Joseph PRESENT**
      13. **2L Senator – Francesca Gaetano PRESENT**
      14. **2L Senator – Luke Pascarella CLASS**
      15. **2L Senator – Allie Hilderbrand PRESENT**
      16. **2L JD Flex Senator – Lawrence Hazel-Mullen PRESENT**
      17. **1L President –Safiyyah A. Savage PRESENT**
      18. **1L Senator – Ira Dixit PRESENT**
      19. **1L Senator – Joseph Sanford PRESENT**
      20. **1L Senator – Mia Xu PRESENT**
      21. **1L Senator – Ty Hayes PRESENT**
      22. **1L JD Flex Senator –Katelynn Melcher CLASS**
      23. **ABA Senator – Paige Callister PRESENT**
      24. **NYSBA Senator – Dhwani Patel PRESENT**
      25. **ACBA Senator – William Melvin PRESENT**
      26. **Diversity Senator – Jerusa Dhungana PRESENT**
      27. **Spring Start Senator – Christopher Castor EXCUSED**
      28. **Graduate-Et-Al Senator – Mattea Kallner PRESENT**

II. OPEN FORUM

a. **Approve 9.8 Minutes**
b. **Approve Budget Meeting Minutes**

III. BYLAWS & BILLS

a. **Bill 165** Andrea: We have some new members joining our committees. Ira will be the new head of the Yearbook Committee.
b. **Bill 166** Ira: The GIM is on October 5th from 12-1. Flyers will be sent. People have reached out and are interested in helping out. Veronica: Why 2 Canva Pro accounts? Ira: Due to the demand having multiple people working on it will be more efficient.
c. **Bill 167** Frederick: This contract is to approve our venue space.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE -Nicaya:
b. FINANCE COMMITTEE- Isadore: Met with Dean Taranto and approved some reimbursement requests. $6,000 was approved.
c. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE- Jerusa:
d. ETHICS COMMITTEE- Nicaya:
e. EVENTS COMMITTEE- Veronica:
f. ELECTION COMMITTEE- Amanda: Elections finished last week. Welcome to our new members!
g. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE- Frederick: The new contract and bill was approved. Discussed amendments.
h. TRANSITION COMMITTEE – Kevin:
i. ALUMNI COMMITTEE-Kara & Mattea: Great Turnout. Everyone loved sharing their stories of Albany Law. Thank You to everyone who helped with Alumni weekend.
j. SAFETY COMMITTEE- Nicaya: Make sure to download the new safety app.
k. YEARBOOK COMMITTEE-Ira: Come to the GIM.

V. SENATE REPORTS

a. EXECUTIVE BOARD
    i. President Andrea Olano– *Happy to see a full Senate.*
    ii. Vice President Nicaya-Isabella Rios –
    iii. Secretary Kevin A. Titus –

b. SENATE REPORTS
    i. Third Year President Kara Walker – We are still planning the farewell party including finding a caterer. Next Monday we will be hosting with Professor Bollana a Bar Q&A next Monday on the 28th Sept. at 5:30pm. We are also planning a networking event.
    ii. Second Year President Frederick Anson – We are in full swing for Scarristers Planning; We are looking for a Tarot reader.
    iii. First Year President Safiyyah A. Savage – Our meeting went well; we discussed our initiatives and we are going to work on our timeline. This Friday will be our first 1L meeting. We wanted to know if there was a vendor list of whom we have interacted with and wanted to know what was the Med-Law Games? Andrea: There is no specific list but they accept tax-exempt forms. I feel The Med Student Board reached out to us to do a collaborative game. Safiyyah: I strongly feel there should be a vendor list.
    iv. Flex-JD Report Joshua& Lawrence& Katelynn – On Sunday we have an event; 24 people have RSPVed for this event. Clubs should include a Zoom

link for events Flex students can attend.

v. ABA Senator Paige Callister – Law Student Leader applications open on October 1st. Check out ABA website.

vi. ACBA Senator William Melvin – Join ACBA.

vii. NYSBA Senator Dhwani Patel – Summer BBQ went really well last week.

viii. Spring Start Senator Christopher Castor –

c. FACULTY REPORTS

i. Dean Taranto – Sarah McDonald is your Student Trustee. I spoke with the food providers for our cafeteria and working to improve the food quality and add a coffee machine. For the radar of the Safety Committee, I spoke with Campus Security and will meet with student representatives. Please ensure the entrance by Holland Ave. is closed.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 23-0-0, PASSED

VI. *EXECUTIVE SESSION*

a. **BYLAWS AND BILLS**

i. **Bill #0165 New Appointments to SBA Standing Committees**

1. **Purpose: The purpose of this bill is to formally appoint members to the newly established Yearbook Committee and student members to other Student Bar Association standing committees for the Fall 2026 semester.**
2. **Motion: Approve Bill.**
3. **Status: 19-0-1 PASSED**

ii. **Bill #0166 Yearbook Committee Funds Allocation– Albany Law School Chapter**

1. **Purpose: Allocate funds for the operation of Yearbook Committee**
2. **Motion: Approve Bill.**
3. **Status: 20-1-2 PASSED**

iii. **Bill #0167 Barristers 2027 Venue Approval Bill**

1. **Purpose: Approval of Barristers' Ball 2027 Venue**
2. **Motion: Approve Bill**
3. **Status: 17-0-3 PASSED**

MOTION TO MOVE OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 23-0-1, PASSED

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Andrea: Scarristers is coming up. Stay tuned for the headshots event.

Kara: OUTlaw GIM October 7th 12-1. IALSA is looking for student representative. BLSA is having their 1L event on September 25th.

Kevin: Cybersecurity GIM is on October 5th 11-12PM in Matthew Bender Room.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

a. The next SBA meeting will be at October 7th at 7:15pm in room 425.

X. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN, SECONDED, 23-0-1, PASSED