Albany Law School
STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION
Meeting Minutes

Date: September 9th, 2026

Room: 425

Time: 7:15 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

a. Welcome/Introduction
b. Roll Call for Quorum: Set at 17
   i. -/26 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 PRESENT**
      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 PRESENT**
      11. **2L President – Frederick Anson PRESENT**
      12. **2L Senator – Jeremy Joseph PRESENT**
      13. **2L Senator – Francesca Gaetano PRESENT**
      14. **2L Senator – Luke Pascarella EXCUSED**
      15. **2L Senator – Elizabeth Hilderbrand PRESENT**
      16. **2L JD Flex Senator – Lawrence Hazel-Mullen EXCUSED**
      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 –**
      23. **ABA Senator – Paige Callister PRESENT**
      24. **NYSBA Senator – Dhwani Patel PRESENT**
      25. **ACBA Senator – William Melvin PRESENT**
      26. **Diversity Senator –**
      27. **Spring Start Senator – Christopher Castor PRESENT**
      28. **Graduate-Et-Al Senator – Mattea Kallner PRESENT**

II. OPEN FORUM

III. BYLAWS & BILLS

a. **Bill 161 Andrea: The purpose is to make the budget meeting more efficient by ensuring efficient discussions are held so everyone is heard. This was a temporary policy for the budget meeting.**
b. **Bill 162 Andrea: This is to recognize the ACLU chapter.**
c. **Bill 163 Andrea: This is to support the formation of a Yearbook.**
d. **Bill 164 Andrea: This is to recognize the composition of all the SBA**

committees.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE *Nicaya-: Toys for Tots donation drive will be held.*
b. FINANCE COMMITTEE- *Isadore: Reach out to me if budget email was not sent to me yet. Finance Committee will receive an email about budgets on Friday.*
c. DIVERSITY COMMITTEE-*:*
d. ETHICS COMMITTEE- *Nicaya : Fill out the form for club conflicts.*
e. EVENTS COMMITTEE- *:*
f. ELECTION COMMITTEE- *Amanda: New elections will be held soon.*
g. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE- *:*
h. TRANSITION COMMITTEE – *Kevin: Check the drive for transition documents.*
i. ALUMNI COMMITTEE-*:*
j. SAFETY COMMITTEE-

V. SENATE REPORTS

a. EXECUTIVE BOARD
   i. President Andrea Olano– Welcome to the new 1L senators. New attendance policy will be enforced. Attendance is required in-person.
   ii. Vice President Nicaya-Isabella Rios –
   iii. Secretary Kevin A. Titus –

b. SENATE REPORTS
   i. Third Year President Kara Walker – I am co-chairing the Alumni committee next week. We need volunteers. Email us if you are interested. Plans are there for an event for prior SBA members. Planning for Farewell Party for 3Ls. If anyone knows people for music for the Farewell party reach out to us. MENA GIM is tomorrow; Hafli is on 30th of October. LALSA event is October 3rd.
   ii. Second Year President Frederick Anson – There will be 1Ls delegations for cleaning the ice makers. Scarristers is on October 23rd 7-11pm. Barristers is April 2nd for now to be subject to change. We are also working with BLSA on their event as well. We are working on a social media page. Met with Dean Taranto to discuss plans and meeting went great.
   iii. First Year President Safiyyah A. Savage – Will meet with my senators to discuss how we will do our projects.
   iv. Flex-JD Report Joshua & Lawrence – Growth in the flex program.
   v. ABA Senator Paige Callister –
   vi. ACBA Senator William Melvin –
   vii. NYSBA Senator Dhwani Patel –
   viii. Spring Start Senator Christopher Castor –

c. FACULTY REPORTS
   i. Dean Taranto – Welcome back everyone. Check with Institutional advancement if you want funding from outside law firms and organizations. There is a new safety app available. There will be a 9/11 memorial this Friday.

MOTION TO MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, SECONDED, 20-0-0, PASSES

VI. *EXECUTIVE SESSION*

a. **BYLAWS AND BILLS**
    i. **Bill #0161 Temporary Amendment of Robert's Rules of Order for Fall 2026 Budget Meeting**
        1. **Motion: Combine bills 161-163 into omnibus for one vote.**
        2. **Status: 19-0-1 PASSED**
        3. **Reasoning:**
    ii. **Bill #0162 Approval of the American Civil Liberties Union – Albany Law School Chapter**
        1. **Motion:**
        2. **Status: 19-0-1 PASSED**
        3. **Reasoning:**
    iii. **Bill #0163 Establishment of the SBA Yearbook Committee**
        1. **Motion:**
        2. **Status: 19-0-1 PASSED**
        3. **Reasoning:**
    iv. **Bill #0164 Appointment of SBA Committees Fall 2026**
        1. **Motion: Amend bill so Ryan Harrop and Emily Lai are added to Alumni Committee.**
        2. **Status: 22-0-0 PASSED**
        3. **Reasoning:**

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VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kara: Alumni weekend next week. We need volunteers. Email us if you are interested.

Isadore: Happy Rosh Hashana!

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

Would it be possible to set up a Professional Development Club?

IX. GOOD OF THE ORDER

a. The SBA budget meeting will be this Sunday September 13th, 2026 in Room 425 starting at 8:30am.
b. The next SBA meeting will be at September 23rd at 7:15pm in room 425.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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