

Minutes
National Communication Association
Executive Committee of the Legislative Assembly
Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Participating in the meeting:

Executive Committee Members: Tina Harris, President; Shaunak Sastry, First Vice President; Srivi Ramasubramanian, Second Vice President; Jeanetta Sims, Immediate Past President; Michael Lechuga, Finance Committee Director; Ambar Basu, Finance Committee Director; Julie-Ann Scott-Pollock, IDEA Council Chair; Kathleen Roberts, Mentorship and Leadership Council Chair; Julie-Ann Scott-Pollock, IDEA Council Chair; John Sloop, Publications Council Chair; Iccha Basnyat, Research Council Chair; Katherine Thweatt, Teaching and Learning Council Chair; Justin Danowski, Executive Director/Secretary (non-voting).

National Office Staff: Jennifer Fletcher, Organizational Development Manager; Monica Yang, Governance and Strategic Initiatives Manager

1. Call to Order

President Harris called the meeting to session at 3:05 PM Eastern Time.

2. Conflict of Interest

Danowski shared the conflict of interest and confidentiality for the EC members to review and sign.

3. President Updates

Harris discussed the transition of the HBCU PhD Pipeline Program into an NCA program. Discussion ensued.

4. Publications Council Journal Editors Recommendation

Sloop shared the slate of recommendations and rationale for the journal editor applications. Discussion ensued. EC decided to return to this discussion in the next meeting.

A motion was made to endorse Heather Carver as Editor of Text and Performance to be presented to the Legislative Assembly for approval. 9 yes. 0 abstained. 0 no. Motion passed.

A motion was made to extend Marina Levina's term for one year as Editor of Communication and Critical/Cultural Studies to be presented to the Legislative Assembly for approval. 9 yes. 1 abstain. 0 no. Motion passed.

5. Executive Director Updates

Danowski provided an update on the Community Pages in the membership portal to be launched later in 2026. Discussion ensued. Danowski gave an update on a response related to a published NCA journal article.

At approximately 4:37 PM Eastern Time, Harris adjourned the meeting with some agenda items moved to the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Monica Yang
Governance and Strategic Initiatives Manager