Executive Summary

The APAI Executive Committee (EC) met on September 24, 2026, for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting, with a quorum present. The EC discussed financial oversight, strategic planning, membership engagement, professional development, and preparations for the upcoming annual training conference.

The EC unanimously approved the August meeting minutes and the August financial report. Executive Director Ashley Koonce noted that the final deposit of CEPP grant was made and all funds were transferred from the savings account into the checking account, consolidating all funds into a single account.

Key organizational priorities and updates included:

Strategic Priorities: Development of a streamlined strategic priorities focused on three key areas is almost complete and will be shared with membership, once approved by EC.

Member Guide: A membership survey will collect information from parole authorities across all states, including non-member jurisdictions and the data collected will be used to create a member guide/directory.

Annual Conference and Professional Development: Conference registration is expected to open in October. Suggested topics include artificial intelligence in corrections, vicarious trauma and self-care, intersectionality, and culturally adapted parole hearings. Virtual learning opportunities and international speaker engagement are also being explored.

Parole Standards and Partnerships: Work with the Center for Effective Public Policy on parole standards is nearing completion. Draft standards will be distributed for EC review, with plans to identify pilot jurisdictions and gather feedback on incorporating victims' perspectives into parole standards.

Legislative and International Outreach: APAI leadership discussed supporting efforts in Maine to re-establish parole through surveys, media outreach, and sharing relevant resources. International partnerships will continue to support knowledge exchange and expanded professional development opportunities.

Communications and Member Resources: Website enhancements, a centralized resource library, promotional materials, and expanded use of Slack are intended to improve communication, collaboration, and engagement among regional and committee leaders.

The EC identified follow-up actions related to finalizing the strategic priorities, publishing member guide survey, reviewing draft parole standards, strengthening regional communications, and identifying conference speakers and topics.

The next EC meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time.