

NOW Foundation Special Board Meeting
March 24, 2026
Tentative Agenda

9:00 PM EST	Convene and Roll Call
9:05 PM EST	Approval of Agenda
9:10 PM EST	Approval of ERA NOW grant for Equal Rights Amendment education initiatives
9:30 PM ET	Adjournment

ERA NOW

Honorable Carolyn Maloney
Founder and President
Member of Congress, 1993-2023

March 18, 2026

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ERA NOW, a nonprofit, 501c3 organization, respectfully request \$50,000 in support of educational activities for the recognition of the Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution. Resources from the NOW Foundation will fund the three ERA NOW programs:

[Sign4ERA.org](https://www.sign4era.org), is a national petition drive developed during Carolyn's leadership class by Hunter College students at the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute in New York City. The Sign4ERA.org strategy has resulted in 160,000 signatures as of March 2026 with a goal of 1 million signatures by November. It is designed around research that found petitioning empowered those engaged to become active leaders and organizers not only at present, but decades into the future, and ultimately build communities of activists, with the petition itself becoming a genesis for dialogues, contacts, and collaboration.

[Driving the Vote for Equality](#) began during Women's History Month in New York City and then tours 25 states ending in early June. The 2026 Driving the Vote Tour retraces a 1916 suffragist tour of 10,700 miles across the U.S. and back in a 1914 Saxon roadster called the Golden Flyer -- at a time when the drive for women's voting rights was stalled. Following in the suffragists tracks, the ERA NOW tour will travel through the same states in a restored Saxon named Golden Flyer II to raise awareness and activate supporters as it mobilizes voters and collects petition signatures for the National ERA petition drive, Sign4ERA.

Mayors for ERA was inspired by a [resolution passed in 2019](#) by the United States Conference of Mayors that "pledges to support the Equal Rights Amendment and play an active role in ensuring its full ratification." Mayors from across the country have held signing events organized by NOW members to add their name to the Sign4ERA petition. Our goal is to engage 100+ mayors in key states between now and the end of 2026.

NOW has supported the national ERA petition, Sign4ERA.org, since it was launched in 2023. Thus far, the Equality Tour and Mayors for ERA have involved national and state NOW leaders as well as thousands of individual members, such as featuring national officers in New York and Washington, DC; board members and state or chapter presidents in New Jersey, Maryland, DC, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and California. All of the ERA NOW leadership are active NOW members, and we will continue to work enthusiastically with NOW to help grow our membership, increase visibility, and work to implement the many ERA resolutions passed at national NOW conferences.

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