Is if Necessary for the Imaam to Have the Intention of Being the Imaam?

Q: Salaah-26: Is it necessary for the Imaam to have the intention of being the Imaam?

Answer: It is not necessary for the Imaam to have the intention of being the Imaam, but necessary for the followers to have the intention of following the Imaam.

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