



District 8 Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 15, 2025

Location: Virtual (Zoom)

Presiding Officer: Mark Bean, DTM — Logistics Manager

Called to Order: 8:08 PM

Adjourned: 9:46 PM

1. Call to Order (8:08 PM)

- Logistics Manager Mark Bean, DTM officially called the meeting to order at 8:08 PM.
- Reminded attendees to stay muted unless recognized.
- Noted that only credentialed voting delegates may participate in debate.
- Asked that questions be submitted in the chat including name and club.

2. District Mission (8:10 PM)

- District Director Patti Howard, DTM read the Toastmasters District Mission: "We build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence."

3. Opening Remarks & Adoption of the Agenda (8:12 PM)

- Patti welcomed attendees and thanked them for their service.
- Andrew Welter (High Noon VPE) posted the agenda link in the chat.
- Motion: Adopt the agenda as presented.
- No objections. Agenda adopted.

4. Credentials Committee Report (8:16 PM)

- Credentials Chair Charice Manor, DTM, IPDD presented the report.
- Patti explained renaming with # of votes, club name, and officer role.
- Quorum confirmed met with 23+ clubs and 50+ votes.

5. Approval of July 28, 2025 Minutes (8:24 PM)

- Motion: Approve the July 28, 2025 minutes as distributed.
- Motion: approve the meeting minutes as presented.
- No objections. Minutes approved.

6. Confirmation of Appointed District Officers (8:28 PM)

- Patti presented appointed officers for confirmation.
- Motion: Confirm the appointed district officers with correction of Area C11, Dawnella Bowser. Motion by Sharee Adams-Hall. seconded by Nate Randall. Motion carried.



7. Audit Committee Report (8:36 PM)

- Audit Committee Chair Ira Walker, PM3 presented the year-end audit.
- No questions were raised.
- Motion: Accept the year-end audit report.
Motion by VPE Cynthia Mill seconded by Gio Sparks.
Motion carried.

8. 2025–2026 District Budget (8:50 PM)

- Finance Manager Lisa Campbell, PM5 presented the proposed budget.
- Discussion on line items and projected expenses.
- Motion: Approve the 2025–2026 budget.
Motion by Rhonda Green, seconded by Tim Scarbrough.
Vote, Majority accepted.

9. Public Relations Report (9:03 PM)

- PR Manager Deborah Woods, MS5 reported on campaigns, outreach metrics, and upcoming social media pushes.
- Encouraged clubs to submit content and success stories.

10. Club Growth Director Report (9:10 PM)

- CGD Keshia Kent, DTM reported on new club leads, club coach assignments, and member retention strategies.
- Encouraged members to submit leads and volunteer as coaches.

11. Program Quality Director Report (9:18 PM)

- PQD Karen Dew, EH4 reported on officer training completion, speech contest season, and Distinguished Club Program goals.

12. District Director Report (9:26 PM)

- DD Patti Howard, DTM thanked leaders, reviewed district performance, and reminded members to follow TI policies and deadlines.

13. New Business & Q&A (9:32 PM)

- Question from Rhonda Greene: When is the Spring Conference required to be held?
Answer by Patti Howard: District 8 Procedures Manual, Page 7, Section 3 states, 'The district should STRIVE to schedule the spring conference in April.'
Patti emphasized STRIVE — April is preferred, but not mandatory.



13a. District Procedures Manual Update (9:40 PM)

- RJ Stratton presented updates to the District 8 Procedures Manual.
- Highlighted clarifications and formatting updates.
- Discussed aligning the manual with recent Toastmasters International policy changes.
- Patti Howard thanked RJ and invited members to submit additional feedback or questions.

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Adjournment (9:46 PM)

- With no further business, Logistics Manager Mark Bean, DTM adjourned the meeting at 9:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Terri Orban

District 8 Administration Manager

Attendees:

- (1) ADB18# Candace Alba-Marshall (she/her) (Candace Alba-Marshall (she/her))
- (1) Aetna# Pres# Mark Bean (John Bean)
- 1 Aetna VPE Gio Sparks (Gio Sparks Aetna)
- 1 St. Clair VPE Herman Koester (Saint Clair)
- 1 TOB Pres# RJ Stratton (RJ Stratton)
- 1- VPE Midtown Clayton Rosemary Wilson (Rosemary Wilson Midtown Clayton Dist 8)
- 1# AD4# SAA# Centene Speaks# Kelly Gaskins (Kelly Gaskins)
- 1# CGD# Kesha Kent DTM (Mandell Kent)
- 1# Creve Coeur# Pres Les Block (Les Block)
- 1# DD# Patti Howard (District 8 Toastmasters)
- 1# DDC# Tim Scarbrough (Tim Scarbrough)
- 1# Midtown# Pres# HK Patel (Hasmukh)



1# Midwest Charice Manor (Charice Manor)

1# Midwest Navigators# President# Kevin Letts (Kevin Letts)

1# Noontime #7316# VPE# Sue Rankin (Secretary Trainer Sue)

1# Noontime Toastmasters Club #7316# Pres.# Linda Leasman (Linda Leasman)

1# PQD# Karen Dew (Karen Dew)

1# Scott Speakers Assoc. Pres# Yo (Yolanda Wood)

1# Southern Illinois Toastmasters# VPE Cynthia Mill (Cynthia Mill)

1# Speak Out Pfizer# President# Kendra Jenkins (Kendra Jenkins)

1# SpeakEasy# Pres & AD 3Michelle Sturdivant (Michelle Sturdivant)

1# SpeakUp# President# Rein Zeidler (Rein Zeidler)

1# Speakup# VPE# Sharon Holt (Sharon Holt-Speak Up! Vice Presidenr Education)

1# Square Talkers# President# Andrea Spradling (Andrea Spradling - Square Talkers)

1# Toast of WU# VPE# Josh Kelahan (Josh Kelahan)

1# Webster Groves# Pres.# Aimee Pullen (Aimee Pullen - President WG Toastmasters Club)

1# Webster Groves# VPE# Kelly Lawson (Kelly Lawson)

1#Toast of Belleville# VPE# Sara Dahm (Sara Dahm)

1-Centene Speaks-VPE-Ira Walker (Ira Walker)

1-Gem City TM# SSA# AD6# Kathy Dieker (AD6 Kathy Dieker)

1-Janet Webb, Pres West County

1-St. Clair Pres - Elaine Curry (Elaine Curry)

1-Top Talk Toastmasters# VPE# LaKisha Bolden (Trinity Christian Entertainment Center)

2 (Reece Faircloth)

2- AD# A2# Speak Out Pfizer# VPE#Sharee Adams-Hall (Sharee Adams-Hall)

2- Collinsville pres. AD B7 Tara Wright (Tara Wright)

2 Grace Church# Pres# John Barry (John Barry)



2 Harvest your Voice# VPE# Cecilia Prather (CeciliaPrather)

2 MLD# VPE# Nate Randall (Nate Randall)

2 P3Jacobs-President Mickey Warriner (Mickey Warriner (P3 Toastmasters - Jacobs) [8])

2 Patrick Gallaher Tarsus President 532 (Patrick Gallaher)

2 VPE Free Speakers# A15 Angie Breinin (Angie Breinin)

2 Writers Ink - VPE Rhonda Green DTM# PDD (Rhonda Green)

2 WUSTL Speaks Pres. Jennifer Krupp (Jennifer Krupp)

2# Creative Communicators# President# AnnettaWS (Annetta Works Salley)

2# Effingham# VPE Henrys Siemer (Henrys iPhone)

2# High Noon# VPE# Andrew Welter (Andrew Welter)

2# Ozark Orators# Pres & Area Dir# Derek Zboran (Derek Zboran)

2# Ozark Orators# VPE# DDA# Jim Zboran (Jim Zboran)

2# Story Bridge# President# DavidMcNeel (DavidMcNeel)

2#Rent-A-Toast# VPE Laurie Lewis (Laurie Lewis Rent-A-Toast District 8)

2. Capital 503# President# Curtis Scroggins (RA 4 Curtis Scroggins)

2. Downtown Toastmasters. Pres.Natalie (Downtown Toastmasters)

2.# Cap City 1313356# Helen Dotson (iPhone)

3 #Mt Vernon# Pres# Linda Mlot (Linda Mlot)

3 Div C A1D Capital city Eric Ulvestad VPM (Eric Ulvestad)

3# AD13# noontime toastmasters# pres#sarah Van Meter (Sarah Van Meter)

3# Cave Springs# Pres & D8 PRM# Deborah Woods (Cave Springs Toastmasters)

3# CWE Toastmasters# Pres# DD-D8# Xavier Blackwell (iPhone)

3# CWE Toastmasters# Pres# DD-D8# Xavier Blackwell (Xavier Blackwell)

3# Smedley# Pres# Terri Orban (Terri Orban)

3#Shalom# DivDir/Pres#Burchell McGhee (Shalom Church Toastmasters)