



Minutes of the 2025-2026 Board of Directors Videoconference

July 13, 2026

The 2025-2026 Toastmasters International Board of Directors met on July 13, 2026, with International President Rochat, DTM, presiding. The other officers and directors present were, Distinguished Toastmasters all: McGhee, Seshadri, Gamester, Spear, Baylor, Bown, Fedele, Horberry, Lee, Lucas, Oluyide, Periasamy, Raneri, Saineni, Sukumaran, Taylor, Tonna, and Zaini. Chief Executive Officer Rex and the following World Headquarters team members were also present: Hollenbeck, Lam, Lurquin, Hayden, Passow, Shah, Villa, and Kyriazis. No Board Members were absent.

1. The agenda was adopted as presented.
2. The Board received a presentation from members of the Prospective Clubs Working Group. The working group recognized gaps in the chartering process which, when filled, could allow for an improved experience and engagement by the individuals embarking on forming a Toastmasters Club. The working group identified several opportunities to strengthen prospective clubs and connect the individuals in those prospective clubs with the Toastmasters International education program. The International President thanked the working group for their work and took the recommendations under consideration for the future.
3. The Board received the report of the Smedley Fund Committee as presented by the chair, First Vice President Seshadri. In accordance with the authority granted to the committee by the Board, the committee reviewed and considered a subsidy application from a Member Club in Sacramento, California, United States, to support a Youth Leadership Program in collaboration with the Youth Financial Empowerment Academy. The committee approved a disbursement from the Smedley Fund for the materials, including shipping.

As there was no other business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned.

Pursuant to Protocol 11.3: Board of Directors Confidentiality, items contained in the minutes of this meeting were classified as “unrestricted” upon distribution of the minutes by World Headquarters, not to include any matters marked “restricted” or “highly confidential.”


Kristen Kyriazis
Secretary

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