



**Minutes of the April District Executive Council meeting be held on
Saturday, 25 April 2025
At 18h00
Venue: Online**

Call to order

The District Logistics Manager – TM Leya Musunga called the District Executive Council meeting to order.

Welcome and Introduction

Our District Director, GrannyBe007 welcomed all to the District Executive Council Meeting to the meeting and have district executive members introduce who the Executive Council members are. There was a concern about the limited number of attendees for the Executive Council members. This meeting is where Area Directors, Division Directors and Cabinet become familiar with the procedures of the next day in the Council meeting. GrannyBe introduced the parliamentarian. She also mentioned achieving quorum was not important as the evening meeting did not include any decision making.

The District Director also welcomed all the members of the District Executive Committee, the parliamentarian, District co-ordinators, past District Governors and past District Directors, credential team. District Director again mentioned that DECM is a safe place for all and practice session for the District Council Meeting the next day. It was an opportunity to understand the Council meeting process. She reiterated that all District business was to focus on achieving the district mission.

The DD raised concerns about low attendance of her team at the meeting with only 12 participants present, raising concerns about engagement. Then Cabinet members were encouraged to contact their mentors and area directors to remind them of the ongoing meeting.

Division Director Devin raised the issue of insufficient communication regarding the meeting details, leading to confusion about attendance.

The District Director reminds members in attendance of the Toastmasters District mission which is to build new clubs and support all clubs in achieving excellence.

Bradford Dale, DTM discussed Voting Process Overview - Certification of Quorum

DTM Bradford described the process of voting that included the sharing of the registration form link again and checking for eligible registrations before the vote. He stated that the voting will utilize a Zoom poll for the first time, with results downloaded and compared against eligible members.

Mr. PQD raised concerns about how to handle members holding multiple positions and ensuring ineligible members do not vote.

DTM Bradford discussed the Voting Weight and Registration Process, where a Natural person can hold a maximum of three votes: two from a club and one from a district. He also stated that Registration will be kept open until 9 a.m. the next day to accommodate late registrants and participants present were to inform others that registration is open until 9 a.m. for the council meeting.

Voting Process and Results

10 people voted yes, and 0 voted no, resulting in 100% acceptance of the report.. Some participants did not register in time, resulting in their votes not being counted. DTM Bradford to check and ensure all participants sign in with their correct accounts for future voting.

He addressed Voting Clarity and Credentials Clarification needed on how to represent the voting numbers given the discrepancy between registered and actual voters.

Only 10 out of 21 participants had valid credentials to vote, raising concerns about the voting process. Bradford and Madam DD to ensure clear communication regarding the voting numbers to avoid confusion. He mentioned that voting will only consider those who actually voted, excluding abstentions from the majority calculation.

Zoom Registration and Voting Process

Concerns raised about corporate accounts not being able to join Zoom for voting. Participants need to register for Zoom to join the district council meeting. It was decided that everyone must be registered for Zoom and Google Forms this year. Participants must ensure they register for Zoom and Google Forms for the upcoming meeting.

Email Registration Clarification: The participant must re-register with the correct email to ensure access.

Adoption of Agenda

The Administration Manager proposed Meeting Agenda Adoption the agenda was adopted without any proposed changes from the floor.

Apologies received by Administration Manager

There were a number of apologies to the Council meeting and they were not read in the meeting in the interest of time. Participants can submit any further apologies in writing to the admin manager before the end of the meeting.

Rudi van Niekerk DTM - Area D1 Director

Adolph Kaestner DTM PDG

Leila Veerapan-Lewis - Randburg Toastmasters Club President

Nadeem Oozeer - Area B2 Director

Johan Kok - Area C1 Director

Akamia Malope - Area A5 Director

Josette Boesak- Area A3 Director

Khethiwe Malema - Area E4 Director

Phemo Kgosi - Area G4 Director

Minutes from the previous District Executive Council Meeting

The previous minutes of the September 2024 DECM were adopted without the need of corrections

Ratification of appointments

There have been some changes in the executive team. Area B1, Pierre Story resigned.

Area D2, Director. Nakwanda has resigned and since then has been replaced by Joel Harper.

Area G2, Lloyd Sikeba has resigned, and area G3, Clemens has also resigned. And these changes will be ratified in the council meeting at the District Council meeting.

District Officers Reports and Highlights

Some additional highlights were shared

Division D3 successfully chartered a new club.

Area Director Gcobisa Sigwili will ensure Woodlands Office Park secures one more paid member to achieve select distinguished status.

Division Director Reports

The District officer reports were submitted and posted on the website as per the Code of Practice and were available for downloading by the members of Council.

In the District Council Meeting only the District Director, Finance Manager and the Audit report will be tabled in full in the meeting. Our District Coordinators were given a chance to share additional changes on their reports. The Division Directors were given a chance to share additions and changes and there were none. Our immediate Past District Director's report had no additions or changes and there were no changes. The Cabinet members were also given an opportunity and there were no changes or additions.

The Finance Manager presented his report as was uploaded and opened to Q&A. The DECM were reminded that the FM Report

Cabinet Reports Overview

There were six clubs previously indicated as prospective clubs have officially chartered. Area directors were to support clubs in increasing membership to achieve distinguished status. Area directors were to complete club visit reports to reflect clubs' distinguished status.

District Director Report

The district goal is to develop members into sought-after assets by June 30, 2025. The District Director emphasized on the importance of valuing people as the greatest asset. Creating a Safe Space Culture. She stated 30% of clubs are healthy and have high potential to be quality clubs. 17% of clubs need a little help to grow to 20 plus members. She informed the Executive Council members in attendance that District 74 was going to set up a leads generation and organize district-wide demo events to grow club membership, hence a team was needed to convert leads to members for clubs to help them become quality clubs. The DD also highlighted the Financial and Operational Updates Issues with banking functions causing delays in payments were raised. She reported that five new clubs are to be chartered soon. 1,080 member payments processed as of the report writing. The district director's report needs to be adopted by the council.

Club Alignment Proposal

The alignment proposal is based on new rules requiring a minimum of 100 clubs per district and 16 clubs per division. As of the previous day, there were 81 paid clubs, with an expected increase to 83 by June 30, 2025. The proposal included moving clubs from congested areas to newly constituted divisions to maintain geographical footprint.

Review of Motions to be discussed in the Council Meeting

Two motions were received for discussion at the council meeting. Eight people voted yes, resulting in 100% approval for one of the motions to be discussed. One motion was not processed due to non-compliance with Toastmasters International requirements as suggested by PDGs.

Amendments to District 74 Code of Practice

The Admin Manager would present the code of practice update motion during the DCM tomorrow. Amendments to District 74 Code of Practice. The meeting involved discussions with past district directors for advice on presenting motions.

Next Council/Conference (April/May 2026)

The PQD to provide a high-level overview of the upcoming conference with Conference Announcements and Details. The online conference continues until the 30th of April and is free for all attendees. The conference will feature powerful speakers, including international guests, and will help attendees in their leadership and communication journeys. Participants were encouraged to reach out to the conference convener for details on attending the conference events.

Participants expressed concerns about the possibility of rejecting parts of the motion during voting. It was decided that if there are issues with a motion, the specific point can be addressed separately before voting.

Date of Next Meeting

The next Council meeting of the new District 74 will be announced in due course by the elected leaders.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 20:30



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DISTRICT DIRECTOR
2024/25
30 May 2025

BENJAMIN AKINMOYEJE
ADMIN MANAGER
2024/25