



Kiwanis®

Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District

AGENDA

Meeting of the 2024-2025 District Board of Trustees

May 31, 2025 | 3:00pm | The Natchez Grand Hotel, Natchez, MS

Claude Vinson, Governor, Presiding

I. Call to Order

II. Invocation & Defining Statement

III. Governor Remarks: Claude Vinson

IV. Governor-Elect Remarks: Marcel Lashover

V. Vice Governor Remarks: Andrew Dozier

VI. Consent Agenda

NOTE: All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Trustees and will be acted upon with one motion. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the vote on the motion unless a member of the Board has requested in writing to the Executive Director that a specific item be removed.

A. March 21, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes

B. District Key Position Reports

C. Circle K: 5 active clubs

D. Key Club: 125 active clubs

E. Aktion Club: 8 active clubs

F. Builders Club: 24 active clubs

G. K-Kids Clubs: 35 active clubs

H. ICON Attendance: KI's Goal for the District: 46 Registered: 22

VII. Ongoing Business

A. Specialty License Plates

- i. Louisiana: postponed to 2026 legislative session
- ii. Mississippi: approved; working on design
- iii. Tennessee: approved; Dept of Revenue waiting until legislative session ends on June 30, 2025

VIII. Board Committees

A. BYLAWS & POLICIES COMMITTEE: J. Gherardi (C)

- i. District Policy 100
- ii. District Policy 200
- iii. District Policy 300
- iv. District Policy 800

B. FINANCE COMMITTEE: R. Carter (C)

- i. Kiwanis District, Key Club, and Circle K Financials
- ii. Club Dues Status

1. Paid: 115
2. Unpaid/Closing: 2 (Covington County & Vancleave)
- iii. Budget adjustments
 1. LG Training/May Board Meeting from \$3,000 to \$3,750
 2. Retained Earnings from \$20,938 to \$20,188
- iv. Preliminary 2025-2025 District Budgets

C. EDUCATION COMMITTEE: J. Kelly-White (C)

- i. DCON Education Sessions

D. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: L. Gilliland (C)

- i. 10/1/2024 Membership: 3,516 members
- ii. 5/1/2025 Membership: 3,599 members
 1. Added: 236 members
 2. Dropped: 153 members
 3. Net Members: 83 members
- iii. New Club Sponsors:
 1. Kiwanis Club of Bluff City, TN sponsored by Germantown Club
 2. Kiwanis Club of Plaquemines, LA sponsored by St. Bernard-Arabi Club
- iv. Club Strengthening

E. SERVICE COMMITTEE: O. Brown (C)

- i. Community Service Awards (applications dues July 15th)
- ii. Operation Park Bench
- iii. AED District Service Project

F. SLP COMMITTEE: D. Green (C)

- i. WTA? (Where they at?) Initiative

G. LG Initiatives: L. Alles & A. Dozier

IX. New Business

A. Kiwanis Voices

B. 2024-2025 District Project: Operation Park Bench

C. 2025-2026 Key Position Appointments

- i. Aktion Club Administrator: **TBD**
- ii. Builders Club Administrator: **TBD**
- iii. Bylaws Committee Chair: John Gherardi
- iv. Circle K Administrator: Jennifer Kelly-White
- v. Circle K Administrator Assistant: Sidney Guedry
- vi. District Bulletin Editor: Tiffany LaPorte
- vii. DCON Coordinator: Jen Robertson
- viii. DCON Host Chair: Mike Haffner
- ix. Education Committee Chair: Jennifer Kelly-White
- x. Finance Committee Chair: Ralph Carter
- xi. Human & Spiritual Values Coordinator: Nettles Brown
- xii. ICON Coordinator: Jen Robertson
- xiii. K-Kids Administrator: **TBD**
- xiv. Key Club Administrator: Danny Williams
- xv. Key Club Administrator Assistants: Anna Kate Broussard & Jessica Hightower
- xvi. Key Leader, North Coordinator: Linda Ramsey
- xvii. Key Leader, South Coordinators: John Magness & Rebecca Huff

- xviii. Kiwanis Children's Fund Coordinator: Lenny Simmons
- xix. Major Emphasis Project, AED: Pam Morgan
- xx. Membership Coordinator (DMC): John Fry
- xxi. Membership Committee Chair: Rick Danielson
- xxii. Past Governors Chair: John Fry
- xxiii. Resolutions Coordinator: John Gherardi
- xxiv. Risk Manager: Patrice Cusimano
- xxv. Service Committee Chair: Oscar Brown
- xxvi. SLP Committee Chair: Darren Green
- xxvii. Webmaster: Jen Robertson
- xxviii. Youth Protection Manager: Michele Crosby-O'Neal

D. Mid-Year 2026 location and date: Natchez, MS on Saturday, March 21, 2026

E. 2025-2026 Distinguished Club Program

X. District Calendar

June 2025

- 10 CLE: Board Member, Bylaws & Policies
- 15 **Newsletter Articles Due (Gov, Gov-Elect, Vice Gov, Imm Past Gov)**
- 17 CLE: New Member Orientation & Youth Protection
- 25-28 110th Annual International Convention, Pittsburgh, PA

July 2025

- 8 CLE: Membership Chair
- 15 CLE: Treasurer 101
- 22 CLE: Treasurer 102
- 29 CLE: Secretary 101

August 2025

- 5 CLE: Secretary 102
- 8-10 107th Annual LaMissTenn Kiwanis District Convention, Memphis, TN
- 10 **Board Meeting, Memphis, TN**
- 12 CLE: President

September 2025

- 15 **Newsletter Articles Due (Gov, Gov-Elect, Vice Gov, Imm Past Gov)**

Future District Conventions

- 2026** 108th Annual LaMissTenn Kiwanis District Convention, Kenner, LA, Jul 30-Aug 2
- 2027** 109th Annual LaMissTenn Kiwanis District Convention, Cruise, TBD
- 2028** 110th Annual LaMissTenn Kiwanis District Convention, Alexandria, LA, TBD

Future Kiwanis International Conventions

- 2026** 111th Annual KI Convention, Manila, Philippines, June 24-27
- 2027** 112th Annual KI Convention, Dallas, TX, June 17-19
- 2028** 113th Annual KI Convention, Las Vegas, NV, June 28-July 1

XI. Trustee Remarks

XII. Immediate Past Governor Remarks: John Fry

XIII. Vice Governor Remarks: Andrew Dozier

XIV. Governor-Elect Remarks: Marcel Lashover

XV. Governor Remarks/Next Steps: Claude Vinson

XVI. Adjournment