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LOUISIANA-MISSISSIPPI-WEST TENNESSEE DISTRICT

## MINUTES

### Meeting of the 2025-2026 District Board of Trustees

March 20, 2026 | 3:00pm

Conference Room A | Chateau St. Denis (751 2<sup>nd</sup> St, Natchitoches, LA 71457)

Marcel Lashover, Governor, Presiding

#### Call to Order

The Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee District of Kiwanis International Board of Trustees met on Saturday, March 20, 2026, in Conference Room A of Chateau St. Denis in Natchitoches, LA. Marcel Lashover called the meeting to order at 3:00pm and established a quorum with the following present:

Governor, Marcel Lashover,  
Governor-Elect, Andrew Dozier,  
Vice Governor, Laura Gilliland,  
Immediate Past Governor, Claude Vinson,  
Region I Trustee, Oscar Brown,  
Region III Trustee, Lorri Alles,  
Region IV Trustee, Jennifer Kelly-White,  
Region V Trustee, Rick Danielson,  
Region VI Trustee, John Gherardi,  
Region VII Trustee, Darren Green, and  
Executive Director, Jen Robertson.

Invocation by Trustee Darren Green. Defining Statement recited by all.

#### Consent Agenda

Trustee Darren Green moved to approve the following consent agenda. Trustee Jennifer Kelly-White seconded the motion. With no discussion, all voted in favor. Motion carried.

- Dec 13, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
- District Key Position Reports
- Circle K: 6 active clubs
- Key Club: 134 active clubs
- Aktion Club: 9 active clubs
- Builders Club: 22 active clubs
- K-Kids Clubs: 34 active clubs

#### Board Committees

Next, the Board discussed the **Education Committee**. Education Committee Chair Jennifer Kelly-White reported the following items as 2026 Mid-Year Education Conference education sessions: a membership session focused on the Governor's "If you don't A.S.K., you don't G.E.T." slogan, club panel on fundraising ideas, and a co-working and networking session.

Next, Committee Chair Jennifer Kelly-White reported the CLEs (Club Leadership Education) will be conducted as webinars on the following Tuesdays at 6pm by zoom: Membership Chair on June 30<sup>th</sup>, Treasurer on July 7<sup>th</sup>, Secretary on July 14<sup>th</sup>, President on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Next, the Board discussed the **Membership Committee**. Membership Committee Chair Rick Danielson presented the current membership status of the District (below).

- 10/1/2024 Membership: 3,516 members
- 10/1/2025 Membership: 3,350 members
- 2024-2025 Membership Balance: -166 members
- 2/28/2026 Membership: 3,458 members
  - Added Members: 204 members
  - Dropped Members: 96 members
  - Net Members: 108 members

Next, the Board discussed the following New Club Build Reimbursement Guidelines:

- Reimbursements limited to hotel and mileage only
- No more than three (3) hotel rooms for no more than three (3) nights each
- Organizational meeting locations must be complimentary
- Local participation must be emphasized and presented as required

Trustee Rick moved to approve the guidelines. Trustee Lorri seconded motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Next, the Board discussed the **Service Committee**.

Next, the Board discussed the **SLP Committee**.

Next, Governor-Elect Andrew Dozier discussed current Lt. Governor efforts.

### **New Business**

Next, the Board discussed the LaMissTenn Mississippi License Plate. With the lack of response, the Mississippi license plate effort will terminate, and Board will review the Louisiana License Plate after the Louisiana legislation has passed.

Next, Executive Director Jen provided an update that International Board Counselor Tim Sheppard is working on possible dates for a zoom call between the Board and the Kiwanis International President.

Next, Executive Director Jen provided an update on a harassment complaint within a club.

Region II Trustee Ralph Carter joined the meeting at 3:40pm.

Next, Andrew Dozier presented the 2026-2027 Lt. Governors secured to date:

- 1A: Selena Dozier
- 1C: Sue Olsson
- 2:
- 3:
- 4A: Nicholas Koepp
- 4B: Bob Rogers
- 5:
- 6: Tracy Houck
- 7: Christian Williford
- 8E: Matt Robinson
- 8W: MiLisa York
- 9: Rebecca Huff
- 10A:
- 10B: Floyd McIntyre
- 11: Kimberly Futrell
- 12: Tori Whittaker
- 13: Chelsea Brumfield
- 14: Rae Cote
- 15: Donna Osburn
- 17: Debbie Stevens

Trustee Darren moved to accept the 2026-2027 Lt. Governors. Trustee John seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Next, the Board discussed 2026-2027 District Goals & Distinguished Programs (below). Trustee Laura moved to amend criteria number 4 of the 2026-2027 Distinguished Kiwanian Program to say, "Complete

or have completed the Kiwanis Amplify Program.” Trustee Lorri seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

- District Goals (exhibit A)
- Distinguished Club Program (exhibit B)
- Distinguished Kiwanian Program (exhibit C)
- Distinguished Lt. Governor Award (exhibit D)
- Distinguished Secretary Program (exhibit E)
- Distinguished Inter-Club Award (exhibit F)
- Distinguished Facebook Award (exhibit G)
- Distinguished Newsletter Award (exhibit H)

Trustee John moved to approve the 2026-2027 District Goals & Distinguished Programs. Trustee Lorri seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Next, the Board discussed the **District Calendar:**

**April 2026**

10-12 Key Club DCON, Natchez, MS

**May 2026**

15 Annual Trustee Training, 3pm, Hilton Garden Inn (2350 W Congress St, Lafayette, LA)

15-16 Lt. Governor-Elect Orientation Conference, Hilton Garden Inn (2350 W Congress St, Lafayette, LA)

16 Board Meeting, Hilton Garden Inn (2350 W Congress St, Lafayette, LA)

**June 2026**

15 **Newsletter Articles Dues**

24-27 112nd Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Manila, Philippines

**July 2026**

31-2 **108<sup>th</sup> Annual LaMissTenn Kiwanis DCON, Kenner, LA**

**August 2026**

2 Board Meeting, 10am-12pm Kenner, LA

**September 2026**

15 **Newsletter Articles Dues**

**2026-2027 Board Meeting & Event Dates:**

- Oct 3, 2026 by zoom
- Dec 12, 2026 by zoom
- March 19, 2027 in person in conjunction with Mid-Year Education Conference 2027
- March 20, 2027 Mid-Year Education Conference 2027
- May 15, 2027 in person in conjunction with at LG Orientation (May 14-15)
- TBD, in person in conjunction with DCON 2027/cruise
- TBD, International President Hope’s Visit to LaMissTenn
- TBD, LaMissTenn Membership Summit

**Future District Conventions**

**2027** 109<sup>th</sup> Annual LaMissTenn Kiwanis District Convention, Cruise, TBD

**2028** 110<sup>th</sup> Annual LaMissTenn Kiwanis District Convention, Alexandria, LA, Aug 4-6

**Future Kiwanis International Conventions**

**2027** 112<sup>th</sup> Annual KI Convention, Dallas, TX, June 16-19

**2028** 113<sup>th</sup> Annual KI Convention, Las Vegas, NV, June 28-July 1

**2029** 114<sup>th</sup> Annual KI Convention, Milwaukee, WI, June 13-16

Next, the Board discussed the **Finance Committee**. Committee Chair Ralph Carter presented the LaMissTenn Kiwanis District, LaMissTenn Key Club District, and LaMissTenn Circle K District financials

(exhibit I). Immediate Past Governor Claude moved to approve the financials. Trustee John seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Next, Committee Chair Ralph Carter presented a budget reallocation to increase the new club build line item to \$6,000 with the following amendments. Trustee Rick moved to approve the reallocation. Trustee Oscar seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Line Item	25-26 Budget	Reallocation	Revised 25-26 Budget
New Club Build	\$3,000.00	+\$3,000.00	\$6,000
Retained Earnings	\$2,659.10	-\$2,659.10	\$0
Materials & Supplies	\$3,250.00	-\$340.90	\$2,909.10

Next, Committee Chair Ralph Carter presented the Kiwanis District 2024 Taxes (exhibit J). Trustee John moved to approve the taxes. Trustee Jennifer Kelly-White seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Next, Committee Chair Ralph Carter presented the idea of opening a Circle K savings account. Trustee John moved to not open a Circle K savings account. Immediate Past Governor seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Next, Committee Chair Ralph Carter presented the DCON 2026 Budget (exhibit K). Trustee John moved to approve the DCON 2026 Budget. Trustee Rick seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Trustee John moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Darren seconded the motion. With no discussion, all voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 4:03pm.