Lions Clubs International
District 2-X1

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DG TEAM EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2026, via zoom 6:30 pm – 8 pm

Meeting ID: 990 467 4981 Passcode: DGTeam

Call to Order: DG Gary Vineyard

**Meeting Venue and Set Up was relocated to Luby's café due to venue elevator issues. There was a delay in the start of meeting due to audio and set up and connectivity and technical issues.

Prayer: **Led by** PDG Fred Conger

Welcome/Comments: DG Gary Vineyard called meeting to order 6:17PM

Attendance: DG Gary Vineyard, 1VDG Nia Mackay, 2VDG Joe Kyle (Zoom), CS Alice Decker, PDG Bill Smothermon, PFG Fred Conger, PDG Vinod Mathur (Zoom), Lion Rajendra Kunwar, Lion Conrad Alagaban, Lion Christie Householter (Zoom),

Minutes: CS Alice Decker Copies of August Executive meeting minutes passed around, motion to approve the minutes by 1VDG Nia Mackay, second by PDG Bill Smothermon, Motion approved as presented.

Treasurer Report: CT Joe Montag was absent due to meeting conflict. Treasury update deferred

2026-2027 Budget/Assets Update: PCC Joe Montag - deferred.

Global Membership Approach Champion Report: PDG Vinod Mathur – Reported that the District has forty clubs with seven new clubs added. A significant membership drop was noted, especially at UTD Infinity club where twenty-one members dropped due to moves without follow-up. Over forty members dropped between July and August with no member retention follow-up. Region and Zone chairs need to encourage clubs to follow up and improve retention.

Global Service Team Report: Christy Householter – The Lion Portal for service entry is now updated for ease reporting. A plan for a week of service focusing on Vision Care, Leader dogs, and services for the Blind. A proposal to promote and have a display of physical bed at Build A Bed for better community engagement.

Global Leadership Team Report: PDG Fred Conger – Officer training and Leadership Development:

53.696% of Officers trained, reaching diminishing returns on Zoom training sessions. Clubs were encouraged to have members attend the Texas Lions Leadership Forum. A request to identify untrained officers to target follow-up by Region and Zone Chairs.

Global Membership Team Reports:

- Membership Growth Update: Rajendran Kunwar – A plan for retention meeting for September 16th with goal to add 100-150 members in the next year. A plan to apply for membership grant(s) and increase club visits to support growth.
- Retention Team: PDG Prakash Gautam-Explanation about the members who graduated or left the university must be dropped per bylaws. Alumni participation and potential for alumni clubs or cyber clubs were discussed as a retention strategy.
- DG Gary and the leadership team will explore solutions for increasing alumni involvement.
- Small Clubs: PCC John Landrum
- Specialty Clubs Opportunities: Lion Thala Raj Panta
- Extension Clubs – 1VDG Nia McKay/DG Gary

2X1 Charities: IPDG Kedar Timalsina - absent

LCIF Coordinator Report: Manuel Palavicini - Absent

LCIF Grants: PDG Bill Smotherman

1VDG Report: Nia McKay – Diversity recruitment – Observation on ethnic diversity recruitment differences between regions such as New York and California. Ideas to explore recruitment strategies used in diverse districts. Reach out to Heritage Club, Terrell Lions Club (29 members)

2VDG Report: Joe Kyle – hosted the meeting to follow to allow Zone meetings to begin using the shared Zoom link.
Region Chairs Report: George Joseph, Meena Chhetry, Sampoorna Ramikrishna, John Wicker all attending the Zone meeting that followed.

2nd Cabinet Meeting: Oct 17, 2026, Envision 1801 Valley View Lane, Farmers Branch Dallas, Tx 75234

Old Business:

- District Convention Follow up: Tami Krause update next cabinet meeting.
- USA/Canada Forum update – Diversity recruitment challenges and regional differences in club ethnic diversity.

New Business:

- Club Health Assessment report/Drop concerns.
- Potential Club closing/restructure – Dallas Multicultural
- State Fair Parade – September 26
- Texas Leadership Forum Oct 3-4 – Temple, Tx
- COG – Waco, Tx Oct 30-31
- 2X1 Cabinet Polo - $40 each
- District Fundraisers: Pickleball/Cornhole
- Topics for next meeting

Next Executive Committee Meeting: October 7, 2026, via zoom

Adjourn: Zone meeting concurrent overlapped with the DC Executive team Meeting.