



# Meeting Minutes District 47 District Council

April 27, 2024

The District Council meeting convened on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at 10 am EDT, with a certification of members present recorded by Administration Manager, Susan Vineta, DTM, and a quorum confirmed by Credentials Committee Chair, Maurice Fuller, DTM, PDD.

Call to Order, Anthems & District Mission	Logistics Manager Andre Noudjo opened the meeting at 10am with the playing of The Bahamas National Anthem and United States of America National Anthem. The District Mission was read. The meeting was called to order by District Director Lois Margolin, DTM at 10:09 am.
Inspirational Moment	The inspirational moment was performed by Austen Canonica, DTM, IPDD.
District Director Adopted Agenda	The District Director called for an Adoption to the Agenda. With no changes proposed, the agenda was adopted.
Credentials Committee Report	Chair, Maurice Fuller, DTM, PDD, gave an overview of the credentials process, revealed the results of the test ballot and confirmed a quorum was present.
Parliamentarian's Report	Parliamentarian, Brandon Kinsey, DTM, reviewed the meeting rules and protocols for voting, amending, and shared his report.
Approval of Minutes	District Director, Lois Margolin, DTM, called for approval of District Council Meeting Minutes from 9/23/23. With no changes proposed, the Minutes were approved.
Finance Manager Report	Finance Manager, Christine Cajuste, presented the updated report to the council, with copies provided prior to the District Council meeting. The Finance Manager also addressed questions from the council. Toastmaster Marijke Adams, from Davie Toastmasters Club 2508, inquired about discrepancies between the online files and the presented report. Finance Manager Cajuste explained that the updated report was presented and the revised version would be made available on the website after the Business Meeting.
Audit Committee Report	The 2023-2024 Audit Committee Chair, Rhonda Sternberg, presented the Audit Committee report, gave an overview on the district's process and best practices to be followed.
Realignment Committee Report	<p>The Realignment Chair, Vejay Balgobin, DTM, presented the proposed realignment highlighting and explaining the geographic locations and strategy to strengthen the District. A motion was made to adopt the proposed realignment, which did not require a second. The floor was opened for six minutes of discussions alternating in favor and against the proposal.</p> <p>Kathy Dykes, DTM, West Kendall Toastmasters 8370, made a motion to move Miami Wynwood Toastmasters Club 00486222 from Area 50 to Area 51. A second was made by Kate McClare, DTM Miami Advanced Toastmasters Club 2798.</p> <p>The motion passed with 70 votes.</p>



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Toastmaster Tim Moffit, Toast of Las Olas 9400, made a motion to move Team Horner Toastmasters Club 28676933 from Area 12 to Area 20. A second was made by William Thomas, DTM, Coral Gables Toastmasters 1695.

The motion passed with 70 votes.

Frankie Davis, DTM, Miami Gardens Toastmasters 3248923, asked for clarification on Jazwares Toastmasters Club 28677366, Division A, Area 10. District Director Margolin, DTM responded with pointing out the company is moving to Plantation, FL.

Toastmaster Marijke Adams, from Davie Toastmasters 2508, requested a point of information. District Director Margolin, DTM, responded to the point of information confirming the purpose of the report is to assist with strengthening the district.

Toastmaster Shawn, from Miracle Mile Toastmasters 2283, requested a point of clarification, noting that Miracle Mile is in Coral Gables, not Coconut Grove. District Director Margolin, DTM, responded that this is how the club is listed on the Toastmasters website in the 'Find a Club' section. Toastmaster Shawn agreed to investigate further.

A motion was made by Toastmaster Ricardo Parsons, Superior Speakers 28676723, to move Superior Speakers from Division D to Division B Area 21 where it was chartered. A second was made by Toastmaster Karlene McFarlane, Superior Speakers 28676723. The motion did not pass.

The floor was opened for six minutes of discussions alternating in favor and against the Amended Realignment report.

There were 74 votes in favor of the amended Realignment report.

## Nominating Committee Report

Our District Leadership Chair, Shakira Taylor, DTM, PDD, presented the nominating committee report. Listed in alphabetical order.

- District Director candidate – Price Polynice, DTM
- Program Quality Director candidate – Ancin B Munnings, DTM
- Club Growth Director candidates - Gerard Rolle, DTM and Susan Vineta, DTM
- Division A candidate – Beverly Ledgister
- Division B candidate – Linda Clarke, DTM
- Division C candidate – Oris Martin, DTM
- Division D candidate – Lona Fink
- Division E candidate – CeCe Espeut, DTM
- Division F candidate – Dominique Thompson, DTM
- Division I candidate - open

## District Elections

District Director Candidate – Price Polynice, DTM – District Director Margolin instructed Administration Manager Susan Vineta, DTM to cast one vote in favor of the candidate. Price Polynice, DTM was declared District Director Elect.

Program Quality Director Candidate- Ancin B. Munnings, DTM - District Director Margolin instructed Administration Manager Susan Vineta, DTM to cast one vote in favor of the candidate. Ancin B. Munnings, DTM was declared Program Quality Director Elect.



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Club Growth Director Candidates were presented in alphabetical order and allowed two minutes to address the council. After the time expired, electronic ballots were distributed by email and candidate observers were placed in the breakout room with Credentials Chair, Maurice Fuller, DTM. Gerard Rolle, DTM received 41 votes and Susan Vineta, DTM received 121 votes. Susan Vineta, DTM was declared the Club Growth Director Elect.

Division A candidate Beverly Ledgister– District Director Margolin instructed Administration Manager Susan Vineta, DTM to cast one vote in favor of the candidate. Toastmaster Beverly Ledgister was declared Division A Director Elect.

Division B candidate Linda Clarke, DTM – District Director Margolin instructed Administration Manager Susan Vineta, DTM to cast one vote in favor of the candidate. Linda Clarke, DTM was declared Division B Director Elect.

Division C candidate Oris Martin, DTM – District Director Margolin instructed Administration Manager Susan Vineta, DTM to cast one vote in favor of the candidate. Oris Martin, DTM was declared Division C Director Elect.

Division D candidate Lona Fink – District Director Margolin instructed Administration Manager Susan Vineta, DTM to cast one vote in favor of the candidate. Toastmaster Lona Fink was declared Division D Director Elect.

Division E candidate CeCe Espeut, DTM – District Director Margolin instructed Administration Manager Susan Vineta, DTM to cast one vote in favor of the candidate. CeCe Espeut, DTM was declared Division E Director Elect.

Division F candidate Dominic M. Thompson, DTM – District Director Margolin instructed Administration Manager Susan Vineta, DTM to cast one vote in favor of the candidate. Dominic M. Thompson, DTM was declared Division F Director Elect.

There was a call for Division I Director floor candidates. Ernesto G. Williams, DTM was nominated Andre Kelly, DTM, Ernest T Strachan Advanced TM Club 7108. Ernesto Williams, DTM accepted the nomination. Charmaine Hanna, DTM was nominated by Verna Bonaby, DTM, BPSU Majestic Marlins 1360933, Charmaine Hanna, DTM accepted the nomination. The candidates were presented in alphabetical order and allowed two minutes to address the council. After the time expired, electronic ballots were distributed by email and candidate observers were placed in the breakout room with Credentials Chair, Maurice Fuller, DTM. Charmaine Hanna, DTM received 55 votes and Ernesto G. Williams, DTM received 92 votes. Ernesto G. Williams, DTM was declared Division I Director Elect.

## Program Quality Director Report

Program Quality Director, Price Polynice, DTM, gave an update on the District Conference. He encouraged everyone to finish strong!

## Club Growth Director Report

Club Growth Director, Ancin B. Munnings, DTM, gave membership and club updates.

As of April 26, 2024, the District had a total of 5,712 members and 129 paid clubs. To be a Distinguished District, the district will need 6,626 members and 154 paid clubs by June 30, 2024.

Five clubs were welcomed to the District 47 family:  
Jazwares Toastmasters 28677366, Division A, Area 10



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	<p>MedPro Healthcare Staffing Toastmasters Club 28677409, Division C, Area 31          Rising Stars Society 28676928, Division B, Area 23          Team Horner Toastmasters 28676933, Division A, Area 11          Superior Speakers Advanced Club 28676723, Division B, Area 21          Club Growth Director Munnings, DTM informed the council that three more new clubs are coming soon and two demonstration meetings have already been scheduled.          Council members were encouraged to take advantage of the Beat the Clock, Membership Building Campaign.          An update was shared on the traveling gavel and clubs were encouraged to take advantage of the last week of the incentive.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>Program Quality Director, Price Polynice, DTM, made a motion for an exception to be granted to District Procedures Section 2E for 2024-2025 to allow food reimbursement up to the maximum amount. Currently per Toastmasters International Policy 8.3 there is a \$50 maximum amount.</p> <p>Toastmaster Rhonda Sternberg, Chamber of Coral Springs 7851603, seconded the motion.</p> <p>The floor was open for a six minute discussion.</p> <p>Toastmaster Marijke Adams, Davie Toastmasters 2508, asked for clarification on the motion which was clarified by the Program Quality Director.</p> <p>After the time expired, discussions concluded and the motion passed with 65 votes.</p> <p>Program Quality Director, Price Polynice, DTM, made a motion for an exception be granted to Section 3 of the District Procedures for the District Contests 2024-2025 program year to allow the district to be in compliance with current Toastmasters International Governing Documents.</p> <p>William Thomas, DTM, Coral Gables Toastmasters 1695, seconded the motion.</p> <p>The floor was opened for a six minute discussion.          Points of clarification were raised by Toastmaster Rhonda Sternberg, Coral Springs Chamber of Commerce 7851603, Maria Lozano, Miami Dade Toastmaster Club 8251, Kate McClare,DTM, Miami Advanced Toastmasters Club 2798, and Roxane Hosein, DTM, Area 31 Director. Clarification of the points raised were provided by Jeanine Kinsey, DTM, PDD, Outspoken Toastmasters 1469413.          Discussions were closed after six minutes and the motion passed with 65 votes.</p>
<p>District Director Report</p>	<p>District Director, Lois Margolin, DTM, gave a summary of the District Council business meeting results.</p> <p>She thanked everyone in attendance.</p>
<p>Future Calendar</p>	<p>Next meeting planned for September 2024</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 12:11 pm by District Director, Lois Margolin, DTM.</p>

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Signed by District Director Lois Margolin, DTM

Signed by Administration Manager Susan Vineta, DTM