



District 55 District Council Meeting

September 23rd 9:00 a.m.

Minutes

The first meeting of the District 55 Council was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The District Director, Distinguished Toastmaster Humberto Vela and District Administration Manager, Wendii Lord, were present.

Division H Director Tracey James gave an inspirational opening.

Club Growth Director, Kevin.F Clark read the District Mission, "*We Build New Clubs and Support All Clubs in Achieving Excellence.*"

District Director Vela, DTM, welcomed the members and guests.

The District Administration Manager, Wendi Lord, reported that there were 93 members present with 84 needed for a quorum. A quorum was present.

The District Standing Rules were adopted.

The District Administration Manager presented recommendations from the District Executive Committee - that the annual council meeting be hybrid and held in Corpus Christi, Texas, that the District contests be the "Humorous Speech Contest" and the "International Speech Contest," and that the Area Contest be online and the Division and District contest be held in hybrid format. The District Council approved all recommendations.

The Finance Manager's report was not presented.

The District Audit Manager, Dawn TrenholmColvin, DTM, gave her report.

The Senior District Officers gave their reports:

Immediate Past District Director	Livya Mitchell, DTM
Public Relations Manager	Maria-Cristina Spiak
Club Growth Director	Kevin F Clark, DTM
Program Quality	Yiting Liu, DTM
Director District Director	Humberto Vela, DTM

New business

The District Director presented the budget. Without objection, the District Council approved the budget.

A "Point of Order" was raised by the Region III Advisor, Wafae Owen, that the District Council had to approve the recommendation from the District Executive Committee on how the speech contests were to be held at each level per a message from Toastmasters International Board of Directors. The message was not available. The "Point of Order" was not well taken. Program Quality Director,

Yting Lui, moved that the contest at the Area be Online, at the Division be hybrid, and at the District be hybrid. Seconded. The motion was adopted.

The following Announcements were made:

The next District Executive Committee meeting will be held on 28 October 2023.

The Annual District Council Meeting will be held 17 - 19 May 2024 in Corpus Christi, TX.

The DEC Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am and Training followed.