



2025-2026 District 45 Council Meeting

September 13, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Agenda Order	Notes
Mandatory Check in	8:00 AM- 8:45 AM ET 9:00-9:45 AM AT 9:30 AM – 10:15 AM NT. The published check-in was adhered to.
Call to Order and Welcome Recording for minutes only	The District 45 Council meeting was called to order at 9 AM Eastern / 10 am Atlantic / 10:30 am Newfoundland time by District Administration Manager, Lorelei Grecian.
Welcome Review of the District Mission	District 45 Director, Sherry MacDonald DTM addressed the District Council by welcoming all the members. District Director Sherry MacDonald, DTM read the district mission statement.
Review of Voting Procedures District 45 Standing Rules	Parliamentarian Erin McMenemy, DTM took the floor and explained the standing rules including the two ways of being recognized at the meeting: the electronic raised hand or the physical raised hand. Both serve as ways to be recognized by the Chair. Non-voting members will not be recognized by the chair. All voting will be done with the use of Election Buddy or electronic raised hands.
Credentials Report	Credentials Chair Angela Stoddart reported that club Presidents and Vice Presidents Education totaled 126 therefore 42 club ballots were required for quorum. 56 club ballots were issued. This established the meeting quorum. An additional 14 district ballots were issued for a total of 68 ballots issued. Election Buddy ballots were issued by email. Originally, the Election Buddy limited a 10-minute return time. Credentials Chair Angela Stoddard proposed changing the response time to 12 minutes. The suggestion carried to insert a buffer for technical issues should they arise.
Meeting Agenda Review & Acceptance	The meeting agenda was sent to members and posted on the district website at least 14 days ahead of the meeting. No amendments were made to the agenda. The agenda was accepted as presented.
District Council Meeting Minutes of May 3, 2025 - Review & Acceptance	The meeting minutes for the May 3, 2025 annual District Council meeting were posted on the District 45 website and distributed to the District Council members at least 14 days before the meeting for review.

	<p>No amendments were made to the minutes. The minutes were accepted as posted.</p>
<p>Budget Presentation & Vote</p>	<p>The District Budget is also posted to the Website and is credited to Louise Bernier, Finance Manager.</p> <p>Two pivotal items in the budget are new club development and existing club growth and retention. The 2025 year ended with a \$0 balance. The Conference was self-sustaining. Two sources of revenue for 2025-2026 District 45 Budget are membership dues (determined by TI) and conference revenue (projected to be financially sustainable).</p> <p>Angela Chute, President The Maine Thing Toastmasters Club, moved to accept the District 2025-2026 budget as presented. Seconded by Lorna Walters, Area 9 Director. No discussion was necessary.</p> <p>Email from Election Buddy indicated that ballots had been sent. Issues arose with individuals not receiving their ballots even though Election Buddy showed they were all deliverable. These were resolved as far as the Credentials Chair could. Voting closed automatically after the allotted 12 minutes despite two votes not being cast.</p> <p>100% of the 36 ballots (+ 1 ballot added) cast were in favor of the District 45 2025-2026 Budget as presented. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Reserve Funds and Legacy Accounts</p>	<p>District 45 has reserve fund accessible through TI's Concur as well as 3 legacy accounts that have accumulated funds over the existence of District 45. There are two TD bank accounts, one US and one Canadian, as well as a US\$ Paypal account, with a combined total of approximately US\$19000. They have service fees and are used for Conference fees to go in and out, but otherwise the balance remain the same. District 45 will merge with other Districts in July 2026. TI is aware of the funds in the legacy accounts and the upcoming changes to District 45. The funds belong to District 45 membership and could be used for marketing, club growth, PR and recognition.</p> <p>Tom Macisso DTM, PQD, moved to allow District 45 to merge the three existing accounts and to use the funds as indicated. Lawrence Kelly, Division D Director, seconded the motion.</p> <p>Discussion raised by Joe Grondin DTM, Area 2 Director, regarding supplementing Area budget was affirmed by District Director Sherry MacDonald. Sharon Joseph, IPDD, commended as well as expressed gratitude for the spending the District 45 funds on District 45 membership in the last year of District 45's existence.</p> <p>Election Buddy votes proceeded although Credential Chair's private message to the two individuals not included in previous vote was recognized by only one recipient.</p> <p>100% of the 37 ballots cast were supportive to allow District 45 to merge the three existing accounts and to use the funds as indicated. Motion carried.</p>

2024-2025 Audit Committee Report	<p>The 2024-2025 audit report was presented by the audit committee chair Louise Bernier, DTM. The audit committee includes: Monica White and Kaushalya Rathinayake</p> <p>No questions raised. The 2024-2025 Audit Report was accepted as presented.</p>
<p>Appointment Report Review & Acceptance</p>	<p>District Director Sherry MacDonald, DTM presented the following district appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Finance Manager: Louise Bernier DTM ● Public Relations Manager: Erin McMenemy DTM ● Administration Manager: Lorelei Grecian ● Division A Director- Paul Coddington DTM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Area 7 Director: <vacant> ○ Area 8 Director: Tanya Kateri ○ Area 12 Director: <vacant> ○ Area 15 Director: <vacant> ● Division B Director: Dawna-Jean (DJ) Turchon DTM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Area 6 Director: Melissa Miller ○ Area 10 Director: Casey Jenkins DTM ○ Area 14 Director: Greta Heimgartner DTM ○ Area 16 Director: Kelly Morbey ● Division C Director: Stephen Clark DTM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Area 2 Director: Joe Grondin DTM AS ○ Area 4 Director: Mintrude Charles-Young ○ Area 13 Director: Kaushalya Rathinayake ○ Area 17 Director: Ayodeji Randle ● Division D Director: Lawrence Kelly <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Area 1 Director: Jeffrey Roy DTM ○ Area 9 Director: Lorna Walters DTM ○ Area 11 Director: Joyce Ding ○ Area 18 Director: Chris Solarski ● Parliamentarian: Erin McMenemy, DTM ● Credentials Chair: Angela Stoddart <p>Motion to accept the District 45 appointments as presented was made by Tom Macisso, PQD. Motion was seconded by Melissa Miller, Area 6 Director. There was no discussion on the matter. All were in favor. Motion carried.</p>
District Leadership Committee (DLC) Overview	<p>Presented by Sharon Joseph, IPDD: With upcoming merging of District 45 with other districts in 2026, TI will appoint a District Realignment Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District Leadership Chair: Unnamed- TBD by TI District Realignment Committee
Division Director Reports	<p>Division Director reports were presented by Division A Director Paul Coddington DTM, Division B Director Dawna-Jean (DJ) Turchon DTM, Division C Director Stephen Clark DTM and Division D Director Lawrence Kelly.</p>
District Reports	<p>Leadership Team Reports were presented by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Administration Manager – Lorelei Grecian ● Public Relations Manager- Erin McMenemy DTM ● Club Growth Director Madhu Kanji DTM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Program Quality Director Tom Macisso DTM <p>Motion to accept the District 45 Level Humorous Speech Contest and the Table Topics Contest for the 2025 - 2026 Toastmaster year as recommended by the District Director. Moved by Tom Macisso DTM, PQD; seconded by Joe Grondin DTM, Area 2 Director. Motion passed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● District Director Sherry MacDonald DTM <p>The only discussion related to reports was for more details on spending the US\$50 incentive for submitting Club Success Plans. Details will be sent in an email to eligible clubs. There was no further discussion on the reports. Reports were accepted as presented.</p>
International Updates	<p>District Director Sherry MacDonald presented the realignment assignments that will take place on July 1, 2026, as follows:</p> <p>District realignment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Newfoundland & Labrador -> Merge with District 31 ● Nova Scotia -> Merge with District 31 ● New Brunswick -> Merge with District 31 ● Prince Edward Island -> Merge with District 31 ● Maine -> Merge with District 31 ● New Hampshire -> Merge with District 31 ● Vermont -> Merge with District 53 & 65 <p>Forthcoming updates to Pathways including incorporating meeting roles, Successful Club, the Better Speaker Series and Leadership Excellence series as well as the Original TM manual into the path projects.</p>
New Business (if applicable)	There was no new business for the good of Toastmasters.
Next District Council Meeting	<p>The District 45 Annual Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 9rd, 2026 online using zoom. The meeting is to start at 9 am Eastern 10 am Atlantic 10:30 am Newfoundland time. Motion to accept the date of the District 45 Annual Council Meeting was made by Lawrence Kelly, Division D Director and a second by Angela Chute DTM, President The Maine Thing. Discussion- Lara Bailey VPE (May 9 is on Mother's Day weekend). Angela Chute, President The Maine Thing moved to amend the original motion to change the date of the Annual District Council Meeting to May 2. Lara Bailey VPE Seconded. VOTE: 30/37 in favor; 0/37 opposed. Motion to amend carried. No further discussion on amended motion. Vote 28/37 in favor; 0/37 opposed. Motion is Carried.</p> <p>The next District 45 District Council meets on May 2, 2026 at 9 am Eastern 10 am Atlantic 10:30 am Newfoundland time.</p>
Meeting Adjourned	Paul Coddington, Division A Director made a motion to adjourn the meeting. No seconder required. Meeting adjourned.