

**Rotary District 6920
Board of Directors Meeting
July 27, 2026
Via zoom**

Minutes from meeting held on 27 July 2026 at 6:02 p.m.

The meeting started at 6:02 p.m. by District Governor Beverly Trainor, confirming that a quorum was present. In attendance District Treasurer Elizabeth Hardin, District Secretary Paula Goodnow, IPDG Terry Adkins, PDG Todd Freeseeman, PDG Felix Smith. PDG Heather Kellen (by directive of DG Beverly Trainor), PDG Mike Muldowney (by directive of DG Beverly Trainor) PDG Gary Smith, District Governor Elect Danny Broyles, District Governor Nominee Dave Razo, Candance Christian, Amy Maley. Joy Hurst, Mike Gray, and Donald Fountain.

DG Beverly called the first board meeting of the new Rotary year to order and announced that Mike Muldowney would serve as her Vice Governor.

Old Business

DG Beverly discussed the multi-district PELs (President Elect Learning Seminar) and noted that 8 Rotarians from Georgia attended a recent MDP Alliance meeting in Evanston and that RI is making changes to curriculum and language around PELs. The board began discussing whether to remain part of the multi-district PELS, with DGE Danny Broyles making a motion to continue the multi-district PELS at the Renaissance Hotel in Atlanta for 2029, 2030, and 2031. Amy seconded, no further discussion was had, 11 votes to continue the multi-district PELS in Atlanta, 1 vote for no and 1 abstained. Motion carried.

IPDG Terry discussed the nominating committee process for selecting a new district governor. He explained that the district has been divided into four regions with applicants from past district governor and past president status being considered and noted that an in-person meeting has been scheduled to make the final decision on the district governor nominee. The in-person meeting will be held in McRae at 1:00 p.m. Terry Adkins is still working on the day.

Minutes for the June 15, 2026, meeting were sent out by email prior to this meeting. Terry Adkins made a motion to accept the minutes and a second was made by Dave Razo, all in favor.

New Business

Financial Report

Elizabeth Hardin reported that the June 30th financial statements are substantially complete and show revenues exceeding expenses by \$62,000, significantly better than

the budgeted \$13,000 surplus. She explained that the district conference had a loss of about \$14,000, which was less than expected, though \$20,000 in opioid grant funds had to be processed through a club rather than the district.

Gary Smith mentioned that annual reporting will be prepared and presented at next year's conference.

Membership Report

Amy Maley indicated that final membership numbers for 2025-26 would be available by August 10th.

Secretary's Report

Paula Goodnow announced that board meetings will now be held quarterly instead of monthly, with the next meeting scheduled for October 26, 2026.

District Governors Report

DG Beverly discussed forming a new nonprofit foundation, with Mike Gray tasked to draft articles of incorporation, though there were complications with the proposed name due to existing legal entities. DG Beverly will be the chair of the Foundation for the district.

DG Beverly made the announcement that she has signed the contract for her district conference that will be held in Augusta, April 30-May 2, 2027.

DG Beverly brought up the possibility of reconstructing Areas 4 and 11, affecting Metter and Sylvania clubs, but would like to do more research first.

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)

Todd Freesemann reported that Dana Park had stepped down as Rotary Youth Exchange Director and no replacement had been found, leaving him temporarily filling the role while also serving as youth protection officer. The district committed to hosting two inbound students but currently only has one confirmed inbound student from France and no club to support a second student, leading to concerns about fulfilling commitments. Todd highlighted regulatory requirements from Rotary International and the State Department, reporting past violations including failure to find second host families for some students and incomplete reporting, while questioning whether the district should continue participating in Rotary Youth Exchange Southeast given financial costs and challenges in finding host families. Beverly Trainor acknowledged the situation and noted the need for additional board members, including a new director and treasurer, while also emphasizing the importance of having a dedicated youth protection officer beyond Todd's current role.

The group discussed budget concerns, with estimates ranging from \$2,200 to \$4,000, and Beverly Trainor confirmed \$3,000 was allocated. The participants agreed to form a

committee to support the program, with Todd Freesemann, Steve Bell, and Beverly Trainor planning to meet the following evening to discuss next steps.

DG Beverly asked if there was any other new business, hearing none, a motion to adjourn was made by Danny Broyles and a second was made by Amy Maley.

The meeting concluded by 6:52 p.m.

Paula Goodnow
District Secretary