



District 86 Toastmasters

District Council Meeting #2, 2025-2026

D86 District Council Meeting – Elections Draft Minutes

April 30, 2026, 7:00 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Presiding Officer: District Director, Bhushan Rele, DTM

Recording Secretary: Administration Manager Myrna Barthe, DTM, PDD

Parliamentarian: Iona Rodricks, DTM, PDD

7:00 p.m.	Recessed Meeting - Call to Order: Logistics Manager, Parveen Johal, DTM Introduction of District Director: District Logistics Manager, Parveen Johal												
7:02 p.m.	Welcome – Opening Remarks: District Director Bhushan Rele, DTM Program Quality Director – Jeff Burroughs, DTM, and Club Growth Director – Bill Kirby, DTM												
7:06 p.m.	Credentials Committee Report – Credentials Committee Chair, Nicole Holas, DTM Credentials Chair required additional time to verify registration information in Election Runner. Meeting was put on hold with a request for silence. Meeting resumed at 7:30 p.m.												
7:30 p.m.	Adoption of Agenda - District Director, Bhushan Rele, DTM Motion made by Area L51 Director Mary Helwig-Hall, DTM and seconded by David Hayes, President Valley Town Toastmasters Club # 9709 to adopt the Agenda as presented. Unanimous. Carried.												
7:32 p.m.	Review Voting Procedures – District Parliamentarian, Iona Rodericks, DTM, PDD												
7:36 p.m.	Credentials Committee Report – Credentials Committee Chair, Nicole Holas, DTM <table><tr><td>Active Club Presidents and VP Eds</td><td>192</td></tr><tr><td>Quorum (1/3 club votes)</td><td>64</td></tr><tr><td># of Club Ballots Issued</td><td>124</td></tr><tr><td># of District Ballots Issued</td><td>26</td></tr><tr><td>Total Ballots Issued</td><td>150</td></tr><tr><td>Simple Majority (50% + 1) total ballots</td><td>76</td></tr></table> Approval of the Credentials Report as amended Motion made by Area L54 Director David T. Shaw, DTM, and seconded by Kristina Johnston-Naus President Port Credit #1474 to approve the Credentials Report as presented and amended. By a show of hands, 56 voted in favour and 2 opposed. Carried District Director Bhushan Rele, DTM announced that we have met quorum.	Active Club Presidents and VP Eds	192	Quorum (1/3 club votes)	64	# of Club Ballots Issued	124	# of District Ballots Issued	26	Total Ballots Issued	150	Simple Majority (50% + 1) total ballots	76
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7:39 p.m.	District 86 Nominations and Election of Trio – District Director Anne Dockeray, DTM, IPDD - The District Director reported that the District Council heard the report of the District Leadership Committee on April 28, 2026. - For the following District Officer positions, the District Director directed the Administration Manager to cast one vote in favour of each uncontested candidate. Each candidate was declared elected to that District position for the year 2026-2027: <table border="1"> <tr> <td>2026-2027 District Director</td><td>Jeff Burroughs, DTM</td></tr> <tr> <td>2026-2027 Program Quality Director</td><td>Bill Kirby, DTM</td></tr> <tr> <td>2026-2027 Club Growth Director</td><td>Chris Moses, DTM</td></tr> <tr> <td>2026-2027 Division C Director</td><td>Dorota Polonska</td></tr> <tr> <td>2026-2027 Division D Director</td><td>Disha Patel</td></tr> <tr> <td>2026-2027 Division E Director</td><td>Bushra Haqqi</td></tr> <tr> <td>2026-2027 Division L Director</td><td>Mary Helwig-Hall, DTM</td></tr> <tr> <td>2026-2027 Division S Director</td><td>Bijay Mainali</td></tr> <tr> <td>2026-2027 Division T Director</td><td>Ankur Thakur</td></tr> </table>	2026-2027 District Director	Jeff Burroughs, DTM	2026-2027 Program Quality Director	Bill Kirby, DTM	2026-2027 Club Growth Director	Chris Moses, DTM	2026-2027 Division C Director	Dorota Polonska	2026-2027 Division D Director	Disha Patel	2026-2027 Division E Director	Bushra Haqqi	2026-2027 Division L Director	Mary Helwig-Hall, DTM	2026-2027 Division S Director	Bijay Mainali	2026-2027 Division T Director	Ankur Thakur
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7:54 p.m.	Announcements – District Director, Bhushan Rele, DTM Next District Council Meeting – Tuesday, September 15, 2026																		
7:57 p.m.	Adjournment – District Director, Bhushan Rele, DTM Motion made by Harold Usher, DTM, President Thames Valley Club #3726 to adjourn this District Council Meeting.																		
	Meeting Adjourned at 7:57 p.m.																		