



District 71 District Council Meeting 9 May 2026 at 10:00am Draft Minutes

Location:The Rose Hotel, Tralee, Co Kerry and online.

1. Call to Order/Welcome

The District Director opened the meeting and welcomed members.

2. Words of Inspiration

Paul O'Mahony presented words of inspiration

3. District Mission & Core Values

Mary Sheppard presented the District Mission and Core Values

4. Recognition, including Distinguished guests

The District Director welcomed Ted Corcoran, Past International President to the meeting.

5. Apologies

The Administration Manager presented the apologies received for the meeting.

6. In Memoriam - One minute of silence observed

The Administration Manager remembered those members who passed away this Toastmasters year.

7. Standing Rules & Parliamentary Procedures (Robert's Rules of Order)

The District Parliamentarian presented the standing rules and parliamentary procedures which would govern this meeting.

8. Credentials Committee report.

The Credentials Manager presented the credentials report confirming that the meeting was quorate. There were 191 clubs in good standing and 56 District Executive Committee members. On the basis of two votes per active member club, one-third of the member clubs in good standing represent a quorum (128 votes).

200 votes were registered from club Presidents and Vice Presidents education

43 votes were registered from District Executive Committee members

The total votes that may be cast were 243.

The meeting was quorate.

9. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda was adopted by unanimous consent.

10. Approval of Minutes – DCM Online Meeting held on 15th September 2025

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by unanimous consent.

11. Approval of Appointed Officers

The list of appointed officers was presented and approved by unanimous consent.

12. Alignment Committee Report

The Alignment Report was presented by the Alignment Chair. A secret vote was held and the report was adopted by a majority of 68%.

13. 2025-26 Mid-Year Audit Report & 2024-25 District Budget Report

The 2025-26 Mid-Year Audit Report and 2024-25 District budget report were presented.

14. District Leadership Committee Report & Election of 2026-27 District Officers

The District Leadership Committee (DLC) Report was presented by the DLC Chair.

The election of District Officers for the 2026-27 Toastmasters year was held.

The following officers were elected: -

- District Director - Steve Campion
- Program Quality Director - Kevin O'Reilly
- Club Growth Director - Dan Deighton
- Division A Director - Adrian Lapuste
- Division D Director - Philip Khan-Panni
- Division N Director - Heather Chapman
- Division S Director - Andrew Klimaytys
- Division E Director - Bilal Arshad
- Division H Director - Kalpana Ramesh
- Division C Director - no candidate
- Division M Director - no candidate

15. 2025-26 District Leadership Team Reports

The Finance Manager, Program Quality Director, Club Growth Director and Public Relations Manager presented their respective reports.

16. Future District Conferences

This item was not presented

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by the District Director at 13:03.