

GIRL SCOUTS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY COUNCIL, INC.
2025 ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES

April 16th, 2025

Del-One Conference Center
Delaware Technical Community College

5:45 P.M. (approximately)

Temeka Easter Rice, Board Chair, welcomed attendees. Girl Scouts Alexis Abrams, Leanna Bjorke, Olivia Bruno, Ashlin Palmeri, and Madison Snow led a flag ceremony. Lauralee Rappleye, Chair of the Annual Meeting Committee, gave opening remarks and explained instructions for completing the puzzle activities reflecting the theme of the evening. Riva Brown and Meri Weiss led Grace.

Break for Dinner

6:59 P.M. – 8:25 P.M. (approximately)

Board Chair Temeka Easter Rice welcomed in-person and virtual attendees to the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Council, and notified attendees that the meeting will be recorded and transcribed. Temeka recognized Archives Committee, Annual Meeting Committee, Board Development Committee, Recognitions Committee, Finance Committee, Reimagining Camp Committee, and Advancement Committee. Temeka recognized lifetime members, teen board members, and Girl Scouts who performed the flag ceremony. A moment of silence was held for members lost in the past year. Temeka stated quorum has been met with 49.5% of voting members present and called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. (approximately).

I. Agenda approval:

Temeka asked for a motion to accept the 2025 Annual Meeting Agenda. The motion was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

II. Introduction of the Board of Directors

Temeka recognized the following board members in attendance:

Sarah Long
Anu Sivaraman
Janet Chavous
Kimberlee Ziolkowski
Patricia Nash Christel
Sharmina Ellis
Vanessa Fisher
Greg Fogarty
Tavanya Lockett
Autumn Tuxward
Danielle Vozzo
Amber Young

And the board members participating via Zoom:

Stacy Conn

And the Girl Board Representatives:

Olivia Bruno
Juliana Morrissette

III. Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes

Temeka asked for a motion to accept the 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. The motion was moved and seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Treasurers Report

Board Treasurer Janet Chavous presented the Treasurer’s report capturing financial highlights of the year, including sources of revenue. Key points in the report of \$3.5 million in revenue included a report that Product Programs are the largest generator of revenue. Programming makes up the largest expense, and a total deficit of approximately \$900,000.

V. State of the Council Report

Claudia Peña Porretti presented the State of the Council report which included favorable membership numbers, successful girl programs, 187 highest awards earned, favorable year over year rates for many of our Product Program benchmarks, and successful giving days. Claudia gave additional thanks to all volunteers and their continued commitment and recognized GSCB staff members.

Temeka thanked Claudia, and shared that Friday, April 11th, GSCB was recognized by the Delaware Senate in Dover during Advocacy Day. Temeka recognized Vanessa Phillips for helping facilitate the day, and arranging for Girl Scouts to meet the governor.

VI. Reimagining Camp Committee Report

Ann Pollock represented the Reimagining Camp Committee and reported out that the committee was formed in February 2025 and has held regular meetings and one site visit to Country Center. She explained the phased work plan, and invited attendees to complete the Country Center survey.

VII. Rules of Debate and Voting

Temeka asked for a motion to accept the rules of debate. The motion was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

VIII. Presentation of Slate and Voting

Board Development Committee Chair Vanessa Phillips asked members of the Board Development Committee in attendance to stand and be recognized:

Devon Manning
Bonnie Meszaros
Nathalie Princilus
Autumn Tuxward
Amber Young

Vanessa presented the slate of officers for Class of 2028:

Board of Directors – Officers Class of 2028

Patricia Nash Christel – 2nd Vice Chair, 1st Term
Tavanya Lockett – Secretary, 1st Term

Board of Directors – Members-at-Large Class of 2028

Natalie DiCostanza – Member-at-Large, 1st Term
Danielle Vozzo – Member-at-Large, 1st Term
Amber Young – Member-at-Large, 2nd Term
Kimberlee Ziolkowski – Member-at-Large, 1st Term

Board Development Committee Members – Class of 2028

Erin Knauer – 1st Term
Susan McNeice – 1st Term
Autumn Tuxward – 1st Term
Amber Young – 1st Term

National Delegates – Class of 2028

Olivia Bruno – Delegate

Kelley Ketcham – Delegate
Juliana Morrissette – Delegate
Lauralee Rappleye – Delegate

National Alternate Delegates – Class of 2028

Alexis Abrams – Alternate Delegate
Kendall Ervin – Alternate Delegate
Vincenta Parker – Alternate Delegate
Claudia Peña Porretti – Alternate Delegate

Temeka thanked Vanessa for presenting the slate and asked for a motion to accept the Slate of Nominees as presented. The motion was moved and seconded.

The motion was carried by majority vote.

Temeka announced the appointment of Elisha Liu and Madison Snow as Teen Girl Representatives to the Board.

IX. Installation Ceremony

Temeka invited the newly appointed members and returning members of the Board of Directors to the stage for an installation ceremony.

X. 2025 Adult Recognitions

At-Large members Tavanya Lockett and Greg Fogarty presented the following Adult Recognitions:

Appreciation Pin:

Ruth Braden
Sheena Elliot
Lisa Leach
Suzanne Rubino
Barbara Strauss
Jennifer Usher

Honor Pin:

Elaine Madjeski
Ann Pollock

Evergreen Pin:

Terry Phebus

Seagull Pin:

Crystal Wheatley

Years of Service Awards:

Tavanya Lockett and Greg Fogarty presented the years of service awards to the following volunteers:

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Tamela Brittingham
Heather Burket
Lori Buss-Morton
Denise Crossley
Laura D'Antonio
Lisa Fowler
Kimberly Klecan
Lori Lynn
Amy Patterson
Holly Powers

Skye Schmidt Bunting
Carol Sharkey
Carrie Straub
Jennifer Usher

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Tara Myers
Michelle Sawicki
Denise Tribeck Smullen
Keli Witt

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Barbara Lazenby
Elizabeth Pierce
Laura Shorter
Tammy Snedeker

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Annmarie Conroe
Caron Jackson
Sherie Stiles

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Terri Mullikin

Temeka shared the importance of Volunteer Recognitions, including sharing a story from meeting a volunteer at Peninsula Day of Service, and shared information on how to nominate volunteers for future awards.

XI. Temeka recognized and thanked the following committees:

Recognition:

Elizabeth Esrey
Janet Maher
Lesley Czocho

Annual Meeting:

Riva Brown
Tiffanie Chandler
Gail Graham
Sheila Koiv
Denise Schrimsher
Tara Petka
Pam Yarborough
Lauralee Rapple
Meredith Weiss
Christy Abrams
Kat Weldon
Dizza Whaley
Lauren Wells

Temeka added a special note that we missed the Gold Award Review Committee in our earlier recognitions and asked that the GARC members please stand.

Temeka also asked each Board member to commit to donating \$25 to support Gold Award projects. She shared that she is matching donations, for a total of \$500.

- XII.** Temeka recognized and thanked the following Board of Directors (BODs) and Board Development Committee (BDC) members, and our National Delegates, who completed their terms:

BODs

Sarah Long

BDC

Bonnie Meszaros

Vanessa Phillips

Temeka recognized and thanked Teen Girl Representatives Olivia Bruno and Juliana Morrissette for their board service. Temeka shared that GSCB will be offering Olivia and Juliana lifetime membership as a thank you.

National Delegates

Tracie Bruno

Heather Burket

Ellie Davis

Denise Matz

XIII. Meeting Adjournment

Temeka shared on behalf of the program team that Membership Year 2026 programs and events will be posted on the online event calendar in June. She also pointed to the resource page included in folders that includes a link to the Annual Meeting Feedback Survey.

Temeka asked for any additional announcements before adjournment. Troop 280 had a Girl Scout back out of a trip to Alaska this summer and that spot is open to Girl Scouts who are interested.

Temeka asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was moved and seconded. The motion carried.

Business meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

Temeka gave closing remarks, and welcomed the members of the Annual Meeting Committee to the stage for closing remarks.

XIV. Closing Ceremony

Lauralee Rappleye, of the Annual Meeting Committee, gave remarks in regards to the theme of the evening "You're the Piece We Need". Lauralee welcome Girl Scouts to perform the flag ceremony. Riva Brown and Meri Weiss then led attendees in a singing of TAPS to close the meeting.

Meeting ended at approximately 8:25 PM.