

TASSCC

2026 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Date: August 4, 2026

Location: TASSCC 2026 Annual Conference, Gaylord Texan, Grapevine, Texas

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Heather Hall called the 2026 TASSCC Annual Business Meeting to order and welcomed members attending the Annual Conference.

Heather thanked attendees for their participation in TASSCC and recognized the Annual Business Meeting as an opportunity to conduct the official business of the association, review accomplishments from the preceding year, and look ahead to the organization's continued work.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. Approval of 2025 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

President Hall presented the minutes of the 2025 TASSCC Annual Business Meeting for approval.

Motion: Dr. Vanessa Keenon moved to approve the 2025 Annual Business Meeting minutes as presented.

Second: Dr. LeeBrian Gaskins seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion carried, and the 2025 Annual Business Meeting minutes were approved.

3. State of TASSCC Report

President-Elect Dr. LeeBrian Gaskins presented an overview of the state of the association and highlighted TASSCC's accomplishments during the preceding year.

LeeBrian reported that TASSCC continued to experience growth in membership, educational programming, committee engagement, partnerships with Associate Members, and community-service impact.

He recognized the contributions of TASSCC volunteers, committees, the Board of Directors, Technology Advisory Board, Associate Members, sponsors, conference speakers, and members who supported the association throughout the year.

LeeBrian emphasized TASSCC's continued culture of collaboration, knowledge sharing, mentorship, and service among technology professionals across Texas.

4. Events, Education, and Professional Development

LeeBrian provided an update on TASSCC events and educational programming.

Reported participation included:

- More than **880 attendees** at the 2025 TASSCC Annual Conference;
- More than **640 participants** at the 2025 SOS event; and
- More than **480 participants** at the 2026 TEC Conference.

Educational programming throughout the year focused on topics identified as priorities for TASSCC members, including artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data, leadership, workforce development, and emerging technologies.

TASSCC also continued its Training Grant program to help make professional-development opportunities more accessible to members across the state.

5. Community Service Report

LeeBrian reported on TASSCC's community-service activities during the year.

TASSCC members raised more than **\$50,000 for Soldiers' Angels** and participated in numerous service activities benefiting communities throughout Texas.

Activities included:

- assembling care packages;
- supporting veterans and military families;
- donating books, Christmas gifts, and bicycles to local students;
- planting trees;
- participating in Memorial Day flag-placement activities; and
- donating blood.

The Board expressed appreciation to members who volunteered, donated, and supported TASSCC's community-service initiatives.

6. Membership Report

Secretary Dr. Vanessa Kenon presented the membership report.

Vanessa reported that TASSCC's total membership has nearly doubled since FY23, increasing from **531 members to more than 1,050 members**.

Growth has occurred among both Full Members and Associate Members. Full Membership has expanded through increased participation from professionals representing state agencies, higher education institutions, and other government organizations. Associate Membership has also continued to grow, reflecting continued engagement from TASSCC's industry partners.

7. Communications and Social Media Report

Vanessa provided an update on TASSCC communications activities.

Volume 5 of the TASSCC Newsletter was recently distributed and achieved an open rate of more than **60 percent**.

TASSCC's LinkedIn presence also continued to grow, reaching more than **2,100 followers**.

Kenon recognized Diana Sawyers for her significant contributions to TASSCC's social media efforts and thanked members who contributed content, shared TASSCC communications, referred prospective members, and supported the association's communications activities.

8. Treasurer's Report – FY25 Financial Highlights

Treasurer Wendy Barron presented TASSCC's FY25 financial report.

Barron reported that FY25 was a strong financial year for the association.

Financial highlights included:

- approximately **\$1.86 million in gross profit**;
- an approximately **13 percent decrease in overall expenses** compared with the prior fiscal year; and
- **net income exceeding \$340,000**, representing nearly double the prior fiscal year's results.

Barron noted that TASSCC's financial performance allows the association to continue investing in conferences, educational programming, scholarships, training grants, community-service initiatives, and other programs benefiting members.

She emphasized the Board's focus on maintaining a financially healthy organization capable of supporting member value while ensuring TASSCC's long-term sustainability.

9. Current Financial Position

Barron also presented a financial snapshot as of **June 30, 2026**.

TASSCC reported:

- more than **\$3.1 million in total assets**;
- approximately **\$885,000 in cash**;
- more than **\$1.5 million in long-term investments**, including investments supporting future scholarship funding; and
- more than **\$3 million in total equity**.

Liabilities remained relatively low.

Barron reported that TASSCC remains in a strong financial position, providing the association with the ability to continue expanding educational opportunities, supporting members, investing in scholarships and training grants, and maintaining appropriate reserves.

10. Board Leadership Transitions

Past President Cory Wilburn, Chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the Board leadership transitions occurring in accordance with the TASSCC bylaws.

Outgoing Board Members

Vanessa Hammler Kenon was recognized for completing six years of service as Secretary of the TASSCC Board of Directors.

Cory Wilburn was also recognized as he concluded his service as Past President.

Both were thanked for their leadership and service to TASSCC.

President to Past President

Heather Hall will transition from **President to Past President** at the conclusion of the current term.

Hall was recognized and thanked for her service as TASSCC President.

President-Elect to President

Effective **September 1, 2026**, Dr. LeeBrian Gaskins will transition from **President-Elect to President** of TASSCC.

11. Continuing Board Members

Wilburn reported that Board terms are two years and that Board members may serve up to three terms.

The following Directors will conclude their first terms at the end of the fiscal year and were unanimously invited by the Board at its June meeting to serve second terms:

- **Amberle Carter**
- **Prasanth Manukonda**
- **George Stolar**

Their second terms will run from **September 1, 2026, through August 31, 2028**.

12. 2026 Board Election – Slate of Candidates

Wilburn presented the 2026 slate of candidates nominated to fill vacant Board positions and Executive Officer roles.

Proposed New Board Members

The following individuals were nominated to fill vacant Board seats:

- **Drew McGrath**, Chief Information Officer, Department of Family Protective Services, nominated to fill the seat vacated by Diana Sawyers;
- **Ben Garcia**, Associate Vice President of Enterprise Service Management, nominated to fill the seat vacated by Vanessa Hammler Kenon; and
- **William Huang**, Deputy Chief Information Officer, The University of Texas System, nominated to fill the seat vacated by Cory Wilburn.

Proposed Executive Officers

The following current Board members were nominated for Executive Officer positions:

- **Jonathan Joshua**, Chief Information Security Officer, Office of Governor Abbott — **Secretary**;
- **Ed Evans**, Associate Vice President for Enterprise IT Operations, Texas A&M University — **Treasurer**; and
- **Wendy Barron**, Chief Information Officer, Texas Department of Motor Vehicles — **President-Elect**.

The six nominees comprised the 2026 TASSCC Board election slate.

13. Election of Board Members and Officers

Motion: Jamie McClanahan moved to approve the 2026 slate of candidates as presented.

Second: Prasanth Manukonda seconded the motion.

Vote: The motion passed unanimously.

The following individuals were therefore elected to terms beginning **September 1, 2026**, and concluding in 2028:

New Board Members

- Drew McGrath
- Ben Garcia
- William Huang

Executive Officers

- Jonathan Joshua — Secretary
- Ed Evans — Treasurer
- Wendy Barron — President-Elect

The 2026 TASSCC Board election was declared complete.

14. Closing Remarks

President Hall thanked TASSCC's Board of Directors, Technology Advisory Board, committee volunteers, conference planning teams, speakers, sponsors, exhibitors, Associate Members, and members for their contributions to the association.

Hall encouraged members to remain engaged with TASSCC through committee service, mentoring, volunteering, participation in events, and recruitment of new members.

She recognized the association's continued commitment to collaboration, innovation, service, leadership development, and advancement of technology across Texas.

15. Adjournment

With no further business presented, President Heather Hall declared the **2026 TASSCC Annual Business Meeting adjourned.**