

May 30th, 2026

Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, Odessa, Texas

MD-2 State LEO Council Meeting Minutes

Guests gathered from 8:00 am to 8:30 am for a breakfast meet-and-greet, giving attendees and state council members a chance to connect before the meeting began.

The meeting was called to order at 9:17 am. Council members in attendance were President Sajan Baral, Vice President Blain Montgomery, Secretary Tammy Ly, Membership Chair Robert Barnett, Treasurer and Tail Twister Donalji Garcia-Reade, and Tamer Hilson Kharal.

Each officer gave a brief introduction to the audience, and State Leo Council Chair Lion Nancy Smith introduced herself as well. Secretary Tammy Ly led the pledges of allegiance, and Membership Chair Robert Barnett led the Leo pledge.

Attendees were then invited to introduce themselves one by one. Leos in attendance represented Anahuac High School, Dallas Everest Leo Club, Columbus Community Leo Club, San Marcos Leo Club, and Mesa Hills Leo Club.

At 9:30 am, Lions International President A.P. Singh arrived, introducing himself along with honored guests, Past International Director Lion TJ Tijerina and PID Lion Sam Lindsey. President Singh spoke to the Leos, stayed to answer questions, and offered guidance on club inquiries. Following a brief photo session, President Singh departed.

At 10:30 am, State Council officers gave leadership presentations, with Blain Montgomery and Donalji Garcia-Reade both speaking on the topic of leadership. Leos then participated in a human-knot game to test their teamwork skills, followed by Robert Barnett's interactive game, "Die on that Hill," which encouraged attendees to share their most controversial opinions. At 11:00 am, Robert Barnett gave a presentation on collaboration. At 11:10 am, Tammy Ly presented on organization and mental health, followed by a trivia session with attendees. At 11:20 am, Hilson Kharal gave a brief speech on available Leo competitions and encouraged members to participate.

At 11:25 am, Lion Nancy Smith ran officer elections. At 11:40 am, attendees broke for lunch and also packed and transported books for the state Leo service project, a children's book drive. International Director Lion Melissa Washburn was in attendance during this time, greeting Leos.

The meeting resumed at 12:30 pm with the presentation of service awards to Leos in attendance.

At 1:20 pm, election results were announced: Blain Montgomery as President, Tammy Ly as Vice President, Glorya Stephens as Secretary, and Kleo Stephens as Tail Twister. Lion Nancy Smith congratulated the current officers and presented them with awards for their service. Membership Chair Robert Barnett was recognized for joining the Leo Club Advisory Panel, and Secretary Tammy Ly was recognized as the recipient of the Leo of the Year award. Outgoing officers were congratulated for their dedication and outstanding work throughout the year.

At 1:28 pm, closing remarks were given by Lion Nancy Smith and President Sajan Baral.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:29 pm.