

Meeting Minutes

New Jersey District of Key Club International

Below you will find the meeting minutes for the **DECON board meeting**, as recorded by District **Secretary Abigail Lee**. Meeting minutes are a detailed outline of all topics and ideas discussed during board meetings. All board members are expected to review this resource prior to the next board meeting.

March 2024



Call to Order Governor Chen

The DECON board meeting for the 2024-2025 New Jersey District Board of Key Club International was called to order at 3:05 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at the Hyatt Regency in Princeton, New Jersey.

Pledge of Allegiance	Lieutenant Governor Chikkala
Board Meeting Inspiration	Lieutenant Governor Cuccurullo
Key Club Pledge	Lieutenant Governor Gupta

Introduction of Guests DA Trecate

Kiwanis Governor	Howard Gordon
Kiwanis Governor Elect	Martin Slezak
International Trustee	Ethan Schmidt
I.P. Key Club District Governor	Laine Elliott
K Kids District Administrator	MaryAnn Simonenko

Roll Call Secretary Lee

Lieutenant Governor of Division 1	Benita Mendez Alavez ABSENT
Lieutenant Governor of Division 2	Demi Lu
Lieutenant Governor of Division 3	Chase Pogozeleski ABSENT
Lieutenant Governor of Division 4	Farhan Labib
Lieutenant Governor of Division 5	Riddhi Jariwala ABSENT
Lieutenant Governor of Division 6	Aryahi Chikkala
Lieutenant Governor of Division 7	Tyler Cuccurullo
Lieutenant Governor of Division 8	Saksham Gupta
Lieutenant Governor of Division 9	Ella Buerkle ABSENT
Lieutenant Governor of Division 10	Mia Grossman ABSENT
Lieutenant Governor of Division 11	Caroline Attanasio
Lieutenant Governor of Division 12	Andrew Roberts
Lieutenant Governor of Division 13	Nidhi Lund
Lieutenant Governor of Division 14	Bea Ascalon
Lieutenant Governor of Division 15	Marco Osorio
Lieutenant Governor of Division 16	Maria Reyes
Lieutenant Governor of Division 17	Janvi Singh
Lieutenant Governor of Division 18	Ari Kestenbaum ABSENT
Lieutenant Governor of Division 19	Anniha Dorce
Lieutenant Governor of Division 20	Henry De Jesus
Lieutenant Governor of Division 21	Haley Erickson

Roll Call Secretary Lee

Lieutenant Governor At-Large	Chloe Chung
Lieutenant Governor At-Large	Christine Prince
District Governor	Justin Chen
District Secretary	Abigail Lee
District Treasurer	Rashi Jakhotiya
District Editor	Harshini Asokumar
District Webmaster	

Kiwanis Committee Attendance

Zone Administrator	Mrs. Helene Meissner
Zone Administrator	Mrs. Kristen Fischer
Zone Administrator	Dr. Steven San Filippo
Zone Administrator	Mrs. Christine Cheung
Zone Administrator	Ms. Jessica Sciamanna
Zone Administrator	Ms. Deborah Meade
Financial Counselor	Mr. Andrew DeFelice
Asst. District Administrator	Mrs. Bonnie Sturm
District Administrator	Ms. Cristina Trecate

Comments from Governor Chen

- Governor Justin expresses gratitude for attendees' participation at DECON and eagerly anticipates future collaboration.

Comments from Kiwanis Governor Gordon

- Howard Gordon extends a warm welcome to the team and assures that as kiwanians, they will find a way to get you where you need to go.

Comments from Intl. Trustee Schmidt

- Ethan Schmidt, serving on Key Club International Board, introduces himself. He represents New-Maica-Muda districts which are the New Jersey, Jamaica, and Bermuda districts.
- He will collaborate closely with the international committee and the executive board.
- Anticipate receiving new materials from Ethan via Governor Justin.

Comments from DA Trecate

- Emphasize commitment to service agreements, despite other commitments --> prioritize Key Club alongside health and family obligations.
- However, there is assurance of flexibility and willingness to work through conflicts if communicated promptly.
- Acknowledge the demanding nature of the role, requiring perseverance and grit. The role of LTG is a difficult one, but it is a great propeller forward into the future.
- Remember the availability of support and commitment to helping each other through the year.
- Make new board members aware of the financial cost of board meetings, with a breakdown provided in the district budget.
- Understand that funding sourced from dues, making absenteeism costly for clubs and members.

Important Events

- Committee forms and directives: Instructions provided.
- Regional Training Conferences: Workshops and presentations.
- Fall Rally: Encouraged to progress on work during summer.
- ICON in Atlanta: Accommodation at Kings Dominion in Pennsylvania, activities in Atlanta including visits to museums and aquarium. Board subsidies available. Roughly \$950-1,200 for the full week plus room and board.
- January Onward meetings: Bi-monthly, typically in person.
- Longer 2025 Midwinter meeting at a different location for enhanced professionalism and training.
- DECON: Possibly at Asbury Park with plans for a more enjoyable and expanded event. First weekend in April; two nights-- Thurs-Sat.

Advice for Lieutenant Governors

- Start early: Initiate early communication with clubs regarding upcoming elections and contacts.
- Letters of Introduction: Share drafts with ZA, Ms. Trecate, and Gov. Chen, and distribute to clubs within the next few weeks.
- Newsletters: Begin planning newsletters, focusing on a theme, and distribute as PDFs. Utilize Key Club email for all communications. Newsletters due by the 10th of each month, highlighting DECON and including photos. Early submissions may receive feedback.
- Obtain slideshow from the Midwinter training conference, contact Secretary Abigail.
- Complete LTGMRF form by the fifth of each month, summarizing accomplishments, progress, and requesting assistance.

Board Action - N/A

Adjournment Governor Chen

Moment of Reflection	LTG Demi Lu
Motion to Adjourn	Secretary Lee
Second of Motion	LTG Andrew Roberts

The DECON board meeting for the 2024-2025 New Jersey District Board of Key Club International was adjourned at 3:55 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2024.

Thank You

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2024-2025 District Secretary
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