

Texas Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
81st Annual Business Meeting
McAllen Conference Center, McAllen, Texas
July 30, 2025

The Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Board Meeting was called to order by President Laura Graves at 3:31 p.m. on July 30, 2025, at the McAllen Conference Center, McAllen, Texas. Members of the Board stood to introduce themselves to attendees.

The Inspiration for the day was given by President-Elect Tonya Poncik, “The Struggles of Our Life.”

Past-President Norma Munoz presented the Business Meeting Rules.

President Laura Graves appointed Carrie Ross and Jasmine Carey to review the minutes of the Annual Business Meeting and Cory Edwards and Felisha Thompson to serve as tellers and timekeepers.

The credentials report was given by Secretary Karen DeZarn with 133 County Extension Agents/members, 23 First Timers, 17 from Administration, 8 Past Presidents, 7 State Officers, 2 Retirees, 9 guests plus 17 others helping with programs for a total attendance of 161. Karen read the minutes from the 2024 Annual Business Meeting in Abilene, Texas. Minutes from the 2025 Annual Meeting will be posted on the TEAFCS website within 30 days. Karen Lyssy made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ginger Benson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tonya Poncik presented Treasurer, Micah Holcomb’s report. Tonya reported the balance of the checking account as of July 17, 2025 as \$36,654.93. Morgan Stanley investment account balance is currently \$135,414.26. The Citizens account cash holdings for contingency is \$41,017.49 for a total of 167,421.98. The treasurer’s report was an information item and does not require a vote.

Lilian Mezquida presented the program of the 2025 annual meeting. She explained the changes to the Workshops on the Move from the Aloe Vera workshop to the Ranch workshop. Melanie Stott made a motion to accept the conference agenda. Marcie Kucera seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Executive Board & Committee Reports:

Past President Norma Munoz and President Elect Tonya Poncik reported on JCEP/ELC held Feb. 19-20, 2025 in Savannah GA. This next year the ELC will be held Feb. 4-5 in Savannah.

President Laura Graves recognized the task force members that worked on the Google Docs survey that was launched last Dec. She also reported on the PILD Conference in Arlington, VA. She encouraged members to attend next year’s PILD in Bethesda, MD and to attend the 2025 NEAFCS Annual Meeting October 20-23 in Grand Rapids, MI

1st Vice-President Haley Cowley reported 35 members submitted TEAFCS award applications and 31 NEAFCS award applications. She thanked everyone who helped judge the awards. She stated there will be a QR code for the Awards Booklet.

2nd Vice President Lilian Mezquida – Reported that there are still spots available for the Ranch Workshop on the Move.

Secretary Karen DeZarn – No report.

Treasurer Tonya Poncik for Micah Holcomb deferred report to the budget discussion.

Past-President Norma Munoz discussed the retiree meeting that was held to plan the first Retiree’s Session, pasta making at our annual conference. The 5th annual Clothing Swap will be held on Wednesday, July 30th from 9:30 – 10:30 am. Those who donated can enter early. This past year we had one CEA retire. We will be recognizing Katie Sotzing.

Texas Extra Editor Nicole Demmer announced the summer edition of Texas Extra was recently sent out. Nicole reminded members to update their district editors if there is a change.

The 4-H Foundation report was presented earlier in the day with Courtney Dodd’s administrative reports.

Penny Berend said her farewells as Website Coordinator. We will migrate to a new website soon. She thanked the previous webmasters and stated if there is anything historical in your offices to send it to the new webmaster.

Historian Shawnte Clawson will be stepping down. She has documented not just events, but steady growth of our

association. She presented a slide show highlighting the last 3 years of programming and conferences.

Old Business

This past year forty-six surveys were received via a survey ranging from 2 to over 40 years. Most members found their membership to be either valuable or extremely valuable with few expressing dissatisfactions. Many expressed a desire for a clearer understanding of the association's role and officer engagement. There is also a call for better coordination with BLT/EFNEP to enhance professional development at conferences and at the district level, along with a need for fresh ideas and credentialing opportunities. Based on these insights a task force was created. They launched the online google doc in early December as a resource for members. The members of the task force was recognized. They are Casey McPherson, Sonia Coyle, Carrie Ross, Natalie Snowden, Amber Lambright, Brooke Walser, Fallon White, Kelli Brown and Joanne Ureste-Armijo. Laura thanked them for their time and efforts.

New Business

Norma Munoz proposed the new budget and explained that the contingency was left off. When adding it the budget would be balanced at \$43,580. Michelle Wright made a motion to accept the budget, Louraiseal McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Norma presented the slate of officers. Courtney Mercer made a motion to accept the 2024-25 slate of officers as presented. Joan Gray-Soria seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The terms of offices were shared, and the slate of officers was presented. Joan Gray-Soria made a motion to accept the slate of officers by acclamation. Natalie Knesik. Motion passed.

Lilian stated that everyone had a good time at the Friendship Event. She announced the color of flags to represent the various workshops to help with lining up and carpooling. She encouraged sharing rides.

Laura extended her thanks for the honor of serving as president. She also thanked the officer team that served with her.

Installation of Officers

Past-President Norma Munoz, along with the other present Past-Presidents, conducted the installation of the new officers with each officer receiving a succulent plant.

2025-26 TEAFCS Executive Board

President	Tonya Poncik
President-Elect	Penny Berend
Past-President	Laura Graves
1 st Vice President	Haley Cowley
2 nd Vice President	Ginger Benson
Secretary	Karen DeZarn
Treasurer	Micah Holcombe
Texas Extra Editor	Nicole Demmer
Historian	Gabrielle Kanu
Web Master	Alaina Woolsey
4-H Foundation Representative	Dr. Amy Ressler

President Tonya Poncik thanked Laura for her service and commitment to TEAFCS. She also expressed thanks to the outgoing officers, Shaunte, Lilian and Norma. Tonya ended the meeting with a note on vision, growth, connecting and thriving. Retirees are our living libraries and mentors. She wants members to feel seen and strives for regular collaboration.

Adjourn Karen Lyssy moved to adjourn the meeting. Teanna Donaldson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Karen DeZarn, TEAFCS Secretary