

**East Texas Bridge Association
ACBL Unit 225
August 16, 2025
Longview DBC, Longview, Texas**

Agenda items for August 16th meeting:

1. Elect Board officers for the coming year by nominations from the floor (no second needed) and then secret ballot for each position.
2. Review and motion to approve the July minutes as emailed.
3. Review and motion to approve the July Treasurers' Report as emailed.
4. Motion to approve Secretary sending out an email by September 1 asking club directors what their needs might be for the coming years.
5. Motion for Linda Gurasich to set contract dates for Unit Games with City of Tyler.
6. Any other new business?

Secretary Jo Britt called the regular Unit 225 Board of Directors meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. at Longview DBC, Longview, Texas. Those in attendance and constituting a quorum were:

Present: Sanjay Santhanam, Linda Gurasich, Jo Britt, Michelle Shores, Frank Morton and Bob Fiorendino. Elaine Dorsey, Deb Pascoe and Brenda Williams attended by phone.

MOTION by Linda Gurasich

Move to approve the minutes of July 12, 2025 meeting as emailed.

Seconded and carried without dissent.

MOTION by Sanjay Santhanam

Move to approve the June treasurer's report as emailed.

Seconded and carried without dissent.

Jo Britt announced the election of officers as the next order of business. Nominations were opened for President.

Michelle Shores nominated Sanjay Santhanam and Linda Gurasich nominated Jo Britt. Votes were taken by secret ballot. Sanjay received 5 votes and Jo 4. Sanjay was declared President for one year.

Nominations for Vice-President were opened by Sanjay. Michelle Shores nominated Jo Britt. No other nominations were given. Voting was unanimous and Jo was declared Vice-President for one year.

Nominations for Secretary were opened by Sanjay. Sanjay nominated Michelle Shores and she declined the nomination. Michelle then nominated Brenda Williams for Secretary. No other nominations were given. Voting was unanimous and Brenda was declared Secretary for one year.

Nominations for Treasurer were opened by Sanjay. Bob Fiorendino nominated Linda Gurasich for Treasurer. No other nominations were given. Voting was unanimous and Linda was declared Treasurer for one year.

MOTION by Jo Britt

Move to approve Secretary sending an email by September 1 asking club directors what their needs might be for the coming years

Discussion ensued as to year vs years in the wording. Jo said years was to cover needs for the Regional in two years and Sectional Tournaments yearly. It was noted that a few of the club directors loan equipment to these Tournaments causing wear and cost. This information is needed prior to working on a budget.

Seconded and carried without dissent.

MOTION by Bob Fiorendino

Motion for Linda Gurasich to set six (6) contract dates for Unit Games with the City of Tyler at a rate of \$205 per Unit Game.

Discussion ensued covering the: 17% increase for one Unit Game by the City of Tyler, the need to involve more clubs hosting the Unit Game, storage of Tournament equipment, rental insurance, D&O insurance, dates, and number of Unit games in Tyler.

Frank Morton looked over the contract from the City of Tyler Linda had with her. After doing so, Frank informed everyone that it is a “one way” contract, which means it has full protection for the lessor (City of Tyler), but pretty much nothing for our Unit 225. He said that he would not personally sign something like that. The contract was accepted after Bob and Linda stated that there is no other option in the Tyler area.

Seconded and carried without dissent.

Schedule for 2025-2026 Unit Games

A schedule of hosts and dates is needed for the Unit Games.

ACTION ITEM: Linda and Jo

Under other new business:

MOTION by Sanjay Santhanam

Motion made before signing any legal agreements they must first be given to Frank Morton’s for his approval and then Frank will present the legal agreement for Board vote.

MOTION by Michelle Shores

Move for Jo Britt to proceed with sanctions for the Tournaments.

Discussion as to the importance of getting the Regional tournament dates of 2027 and 2029 set. Sandy said in the Annual Meeting she has dates for the Sectional of 2026.

Seconded and carried without dissent.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Vice-President, Jo Britt