

**East Texas Bridge Association**  
**ACBL Unit 225**  
**January 15, 2026**  
**Zoom Meeting – Longview, Texas**

**Agenda items for January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

1. Review and motion to approve minutes as emailed
2. Review and motion to approve treasurer's report as emailed
3. Report on dealing machine by Bob Fiorendino
4. Report on awards by Linda Gurasich
5. Motion on having two signees on the bank account
6. New Business

President Jo Britt called to order the January, 15, 2026, regular meeting of Unit 225 Board of Directors at 7:04pm. The meeting was held over Zoom. Those present and constituting a quorum were, Jo Britt, Brenda Williams, Linda Gurasich, Frank Morton, Deb Pascoe, Michelle Shores, Elaine Dorsey, Robert Fiorendino, and Sanjay Santhanam.

A motion was made by Frank Morton to approve the minutes from December 13, 2025. Motion was seconded by Sanjay Santhanam and passed without dissent.

Bob reported on the money for the dealing machine. He will have information after the next Tyler game.

Jo Britt has a friend who will be closing her bridge club and will give Jo a price on purchasing some of her materials - dealing machine, bidding boxes, and bridge mates.

Linda opened a discussion about the award plaques to be awarded in April. She has found a source that will charge \$18 a plaque. The plaque will have the logo from ACBL website, the person's name and rank.

A motion was made by Brenda Williams to go forward with ordering the plaques and seconded by Elaine Dorsey. Passed without dissent.

Club managers will be notified that plaques will be awarded in April.

An explanation of the Mini McKinney and Ace of Clubs awards was given by Jo Britt. The Mini McKinney is awarded for the most points earned in a year at each club in a particular bracket - there are 13 brackets. The Ace of Clubs is awarded to the player earning the most points at their club within the year.

Elaine and Linda led a discussion on having stickers that could be attached a player's bridge book. There was additional discussion about recognizing those who may not be achieving the highest scores at their clubs, but, should be recognized for their loyalty and attendance - a goodwill recognition.

There was discussion regarding the signatures for the board's bank account. The motion was made Jo to have the Treasurer, President, and Vice President as signatures on the account and to have two signatures required on a check in the amount \$250 or more. The motion was seconded by Michelle Shores and passed without dissent.

A motion was made by Brenda Williams to add to the by-laws the requirement for additional signatures. Motion was seconded by Michelle Shores and passed without dissent.

There was discussion concerning the cost of the unit games in Tyler. The cost of the game and food served for lunch were discussed. Sanjay suggested a \$100 donation to a club hosting a unit game held by member clubs. Further discussion will be held at a later board meeting with no motion at this time.

Sanjay volunteered to help Frank updating the by-laws. Frank is also interested in a code of conduct being constructed for all clubs in our Unit 225.

Bob cannot attend the District 16 meeting in Houston and Sanjay will attend in his place.

There was discussion concerning the vendor's equipment for the Tournament of Roses in Tyler and the availability of the church's kitchen if needed. Sandy has the menu for the tournament. Linda will find out if the vendor has access to the kitchen for the tournament.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Williams  
Secretary Unit 225