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General Meeting

New DATE and TIME:

****2 PM Saturday the 21st****

Chef Larry Bellah, Director of Culinary R&D at Wingstop: *Inside the Engine of Flavor Innovation*

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ON THE COVERS:

Front *Top:* General Meeting is moving to third Saturday afternoons starting this month. *Bottom:* Games SIG playing QUIRKLE *(l-r)* Carlos, Chuck, Monica, Laura, Charles, and Barbara. xkcd.com->

Back *Gifted Youth Book Club*: Discusses one of the "Babysitters Club" books; Prishaa, Jack, Chase, Harlan, and Viviana along with a couple of a-dults

FROM THE NTM PRESIDENT

CATHY ALLSHOUSE

Happy February, fellow Mensans!

February often brings to mind the concept of connection and appreciation for others. The U.S. Surgeon General has declared loneliness a public health crisis, a challenge that can be particularly magnified for gifted and neurodivergent individuals who often report higher rates of feeling misunderstood or socially isolated.

This reality underscores the vital role our local Mensa groups and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) play. Whether it's through a shared love of boardgaming, a deep dive into an obscure topic, or simply gathering for a casual dinner, these interactions are more than just social events; they are essential human connections. The ability to find others with whom we can truly connect, where no subject is too deep and our unique perspectives are valued, is a core benefit of our membership.

It's also worth noting that member-led events are the lifeblood of our organization. Any member can host an event simply by doing something they already enjoy and adding it to the group calendar. This is an incredibly empowering aspect of Mensa; if you have an interest that isn't addressed, you have the power to create that opportunity for yourself and others.

So, as we navigate this short but meaningful month, I urge you to seek intellectual stimulation by engaging with fellow Mensans at a local event or SIG. Also, please, consider sharing your own unique story, hobby, or creative work with your fellow members through our newsletter, a general meeting program presentation or Facebook submissions.

Our community thrives when we actively participate and engage with one another. Let's make this February a month of meaningful connection and continued learning.

Stay curious, my friends, and I look forward to seeing you at an event soon!

REGION 6 VICE CHAIR — LAURA SMITH

A Note from Your RVC

What makes Mensa worth showing up for?!
That question has been top of mind as I've spent time meeting with Region 6 local groups over the past several weeks. There is something encouraging happening everywhere I look: groups are thinking intentionally about how to grow while also making sure current members feel engaged, connected, and energized.
That balance matters. Recruitment brings people in. Engagement is what keeps Mensa vibrant.
So I'd love to hear from you. What makes Mensa valuable to you? Is it the friendships? The conversations you can't have anywhere else? Events, laughter, curiosity, or community? Your perspective helps shape where we focus our energy—and yes, it truly matters.
To help spark new ideas (and a little friendly competition), I'm excited to introduce The **Brain Gain Challenge** for Region 6 local groups. This challenge is all about creativity—groups can choose to focus on growing membership or engaging current members. Clever ideas, thoughtful execution, and real results are the goal. Details are listed separately, so start brainstorming now! Results and photos will be required, and winners will be announced in April.
And don't forget about **SYNRG: Back to the Future** coming Memorial Day weekend in Houston. Registration opens January 16, and prices increase April 1. Visit the Gulf Coast Mensa home page or Facebook page to register.
Let's build momentum, share great ideas, and keep Mensa exciting.

The Brain Gain Challenge – Contest Announcement

Ready to boost your group's momentum?

Region 6 local groups are invited to participate in The Brain Gain Challenge, a creative competition focused on either growing membership or engaging current members. Groups may choose which path fits their goals—both matter.

Any format is welcome: in-person, virtual, social media, email, printed materials, partnerships, or something entirely new. This challenge isn't about budget or group size—it's about creativity, execution, and impact.

Each participating group will submit a brief summary (to me via email or messenger) describing what they did, why they chose the idea, how it was executed, and the results achieved. Results are required, and photos must be included with submissions.

Entries will be evaluated on originality, engagement, execution, and outcomes. Multiple groups may be recognized, and winners will be announced in April. Prizes include bragging rights and a $250 Grand Prize to the winning group. Judges will include a locsec outside of Region 6, another RVC, and me!

GIFTED YOUTH CORNER

by Bill Rock

This month we're taking a break and relaxing with some games. We have had fun on Board Game Arena in the past, and this month should be no exception. There are plenty of games that are free to play, and we will have a Zoom meeting going on at the same time so that we can organize who is playing what game with who. There are several that can accommodate more than four players if we want to do a larger group game. Gifted Youth from other chapters are invited to join us, so we could have kids from anywhere at the event.

I'd like to take a few minutes to mention some other things that members can get involved in, beyond our local events:

First is **Book Parade,** where members write reviews of new books that may appear in the YM² (Young Mensa Magazine) or at other locations. Another is **Culture Quest**—an annual quiz event that Mensa hosts; there is a teen division that lets younger members play against their peers for bragging rights and cash prizes; get a team together and enter before March 31st. The **Mensa Honor Society** is also open to all Gifted Youth, recognizing achievement and service by YMs. You can find out more about these and other programs for Gifted Youth at the National web site: https://www.us.mensa.org/learn/gifted-youth/

As always, please let me know if you have an idea for an event or want to host an activity (it is easy and almost painless).

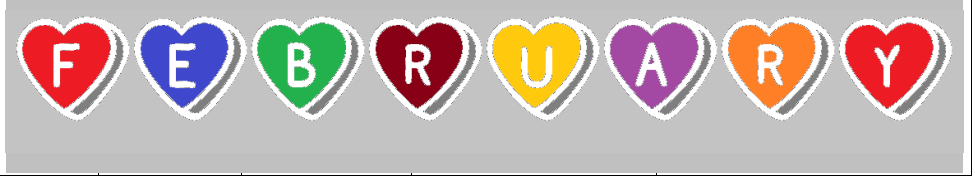
HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The following NTMers add another candle to the cake in February:

Stephen Shelnutt, Betty Mayeur, Stanley Francis, Kenneth Price, Brandon Kaplan, David Lanners, Telena "super" Wright, Karen "seeker of speakers" Brack, Charles Hipkins, Marcus Kouma, Alvin Go, Hall Harris, Larry Lozuk, Mary Lou Bradford, Andy McKellar, David Lambert, Thomas Bakewell, Lacy Brown, William Casto, Susan McCall, Deborah Flournoy, Wolfgang Rosenfeldt, Bruce Cameron, David Bradley, Richard Marlow, Michael Bratkovich, Keith Brown, Eric Kim, Vijay Reddy, Thomas Dwyer, Gerrit Brink, William Parker, Blair Brown, Trey Williams, Brian Gobran, Serena Dalhamer, Daniel King, Evelyne DeLong, Brett Shoulders, Peter Adams, Jyme Mariani, David Hallisey, Bruce Goldin, William Plaskett, Austin Litman, David Dalbout, Mark Edwards, Jarrod Harelik

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 12:30 pm GY book club 	**02** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**03** 7 pm Beer Garden	**04** 1 pm VDG	**05** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM 7:30 pm NTM Board Meeting	**06** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**07** 9:30 am Mensa Testing 1 pm VDG
08 2 pm Bright Ladies SIG 	**09** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch 9 pm *M-Aura* Calendar Deadline	**10** 7 pm Beer Garden 9 pm *M-Aura* All-Copy Deadline	**11** 1 pm VDG	**12** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**13** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**14** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Singles Chat 'n Chew
15 3 pm GY Virtual Games 4:30pm SFRM Speaker Series	**16** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch 	**17** 7 pm Beer Garden	**18** 1 pm VDG 7 pm MADEATS	**19** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**20** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch 7 pm Texas Hold 'Em 	**21** 1 pm VDG **2 pm General Meeting** 4 pm Small Group Mtg 6:30 pm Games SIG
22 1:30 pm Eclectic Book Club 2:30 pm Theodore Talk 	**23** 1 pm VDG 7 pm Munch Bunch	**24** 7 pm Beer Garden	**25** 1 pm VDG	**26** 1 pm Lunch Group 7 pm HOTDAM	**27** 1 pm VDG 1 pm East Dallas Lunch Bunch	**28** 1 pm VDG

New Date and Time!

2026



~February 2026~

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HTTP://WWW.NORTHTEXASMENSA.ORG

~WEEKLY EVENTS~

MONDAYS

7:00 PM - 8:15 PM Munch Bunch - Addison
Location: **BJ's Restaurant,** 4901 Belt Line Rd., Addison 75254
BJ's is an upscale brewpub with an extensive menu. On the north side of Belt Line just a couple of blocks west of the Tollway. Ask at the desk for the Mensa table.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

TUESDAYS

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Beer Garden – Dallas
Location: **District 9 Draught Haus**, 718 N. Buckner Blvd., Dallas
This is a neighborhood pub in the shopping center, corner of Buckner & Northcliff, which is the first stoplight south of NW Hwy. on Buckner. They have a good beer selection, wines and ciders on tap, and a tasty, but somewhat limited, menu. Ask for the Mensa table.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

THURSDAYS

1:00 PM Plano Lunch Group
Location: **King Buffet**: 521 Central Parkway, Plano, TX 75074
Yelp loves King Buffet Plano's wide selection which ranges from pizza to made-to-order hibachi favorites. Look for Ty. https://www.yelp.com/biz/king-buffet-plano-3
Contact: **Ty O'Neil**: (214.394.7364 cell)

6:45 PM HOTDAM
Hang out Together with Denton Area Mensans
Location: **Sidewalk Cafe**, 2900 Wind River Lane, Denton, TX 76210
Meet us for games, revelry, and more. See YOU 'round!
PLEASE CALL OR TEXT CONTACTS FOR MORE INFO
Contact: **Deb Ramsey** (940.391.9657) or **Christie Miller**, (940.765.0429)

FRIDAYS

1:00 - 2:30 PM East Dallas Lunch Bunch
Location: **Fish City Grill**: 7170 Skillman Street,
Dallas 75231 Fish City Grill is a neighborhood seafood restaurant that delivers the best quality and fresh ingredients.
Contact: **Roger Durham** (214.349.4521)

MONDAY / WEDNESDAY / FRIDAY / SATURDAY

1:00 PM M Virtual Discussion Group (VDG) SIG *(from mid MI Mensa)* Location: **Zoom Meeting**: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86726108623?pwd=cUgyelF2KoZLQzNWbVByZE9UMXpxdz09 Meeting ID: 867 2610 8623 Passcode: 1234 It turns out that some Mensans enjoy talking to others about a wide variety of subjects. Other Mensans simply enjoy hearing other points of view. The problem is getting enough of us together. We can do that through Zoom
Contact: **Ken Lawrence** MVirtualDiscussionGroup@gmail.com

February Events

01 SUNDAY

12:30PM - NTM Gifted Youth Book Club
(First Sunday of each month)
Location: **Zoom Meeting**
At this meeting, we will be discussing Marple: Twelve New Mysteries by Agatha Christie, et al.
Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

05 – THURSDAY

7:30PM - Board Meeting (First Thursday of the month)
Location: **Zoom Meeting**: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81692083286?pwd=UWFmMlVvRUpiazBZNldHcmxwSGpvZz09, or **Zoom Phone**: +1 346 248 7799 (in lieu of video call), Meeting ID: 816 9208 3286, Passcode: 448903
All members of NTM are welcome to attend and to address the board. The board conducts the organization business decisions. Members are welcome to bring items to the board's attention if they wish.
Contact: **Cathy Allshouse, President**: (president@northtexasmensa.org)

07 SATURDAY

09:30 - 11:45 AM Mensa Admissions Testing
Location: **Dallas Public Library – Timberglen Branch Classroom** 18505 Midway Rd, Dallas, TX 7528
Know someone who may qualify for Mensa? Please refer all interested testers (or anyone with questions!) to Rebecca Raymond at

NTMTesting@northtexasmensa.org to obtain the pre-registration link and all other required details for this session.
Contact: **Rebecca Raymond**: (ntmtesting@northtexasmensa.org)

08 SUNDAY

2:00PM – 4:00PM Bright Ladies Gathering (Second Sunday of each month)
Location: **la Madeleine French Bakery & Café**: 15125 Montfort Dr., Dallas (one block east of the Tollway, on Montfort)
Look for us (and the Bright Ladies logo) as you come in.
Contact: **Call Kathy McWhorter for directions or more details**: (214.215.5809)

09 MONDAY

9:00PM M-Aura Calendar Deadline (The 9th of each month)
Contact: **Editor, Bill Rock**: (william.m.rock@gmail.com or 972.415.5302)

10 TUESDAY

9:00PM – M-Aura All Copy Deadline (The 10th of each month)
Contact: **Editor, Bill Rock**: (william.m.rock@gmail.com or 972.415.5302)

14 SATURDAY

7:00PM – 9:00PM – Singles Chat and Chew (Second Saturday of each month)
Location: **Jason's Deli**: 9100 N. Central Expressway, Suite 139, Dallas, TX 75231.
This is at the NE corner of Central Expressway and Park Lane. Come join other singles for dinner and have great conversations.
Contact: **Laura Stuart**: (214.641.2520)

15 SUNDAY

3:00 PM CST – Gifted Youth Virtual Board Games on Board Game Arena
Location: Zoom Meeting.
www.boardgamearena.com has a nice facility for playing games with friends on-line. It includes a chat feature, and I'll also set up a Zoom meeting for those that want to talk outside of the game. Login to the

web site before the event, and tell me your username so I can send a message to let people know who they can meet up with. I'll be "wrock_NTM". Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87284610508?pwd=WnZWQ2JhbmlEamJzcmc1TkRBcFZjZz09
Contact: **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

4:30 CST —SFRM Speaker Series **From Earth To Mars**
Steps Toward the First Human Journey to the Red Planet by
Pascal Lee, Phd —Director, NASA Haughton-Mars Project
The first human mission to Mars will be humanity's greatest adventure in space exploration this century. As with all expeditions, its success depends on planning. The first steps are already under way, as we build more efficient rockets, achieve longer space flights, plan our return to
the Moon, and work in extreme environments on Earth viewed as Mars "analogs"
This is a Zoom meeting. Please Register at
https://livepresentation.link/FEB
You will receive a confirmation email with the login information.

18 WEDNESDAY
7:00PM – MADEATS
Location: **Kirin Court:** 221 W Polk St #200, Richardson, TX 75081 https://www.kirincourt.com/
The Lunar New Year of the Fire Horse starts Feb. 17th. In honor of the occasion, we're going to dim sum favorite, Kirin Court in Richardson. Dim sum primarily comes from Southern China, specifically, Guangdong Province (Canton) and its capital, Guangzhou, as well as Hong Kong, where it evolved in teahouses as snacks for travelers along the Silk Road, becoming a signature part of Cantonese cuisine known for delicate, bite-sized dishes. While Cantonese style is most famous, other regions like Shanghai (with soup dumplings) and Sichuan also have unique dim sum traditions.
As usual, RSVPs are forcefully requested, but not required.
Contact: **Karen Brack**: (kwbrack18@gmail.com; 214.477.1151)

20 FRIDAY
7:00 – NTM Scholarship Foundation
Friday Texas Hold-em
Location: **Bill & Ellen Rock's Home "The Rock Pile"**:

701 Victorian Drive, Allen, TX 75002
The next Texas Hold 'Em will be at the home of Bill & Ellen Rock, "The Rock Pile", on Friday, February 20, 2026. Join us for a pleasant evening of cards, bluffing and fun. No big winners or losers, just bragging rights for your $10 contribution to the kitty, and a $5 re-buy if you wish – all of which goes to the Scholarship Foundation. Plenty of snacks and drinks, and those new to the game are welcome to join in. As always, the party starts at 7 PM, and the game commences at 7:30 PM.
PLEASE RSVP: **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302, william.m.rock@gmail.com)

NEW DATE AND TIME

21 SATURDAY

2 PM – February General Meeting
Location: **Discovery Village North Dallas (formerly 5 Star)**, 5455 La Sierra Drive, Dallas, or **Zoom Video**: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81692083286?pwd=UWFmMlVvRUpiazBZNldHcmxwSGpvZz09
Program: **Larry Bellah–Inside the Engine of Flavor Innovation**
Larry's presentation is a high-energy dive into the real engine of food and product development—the messy, electric, rule-breaking space where great ideas are born.
This isn't a lecture; it's an interactive experience built to challenge people's thinking to pull them out of autopilot. Larry will walk you through unconventional brainstorming methods, rapid-fire concept building, and the kind of outside-the-box thinking that challenges "how it's always been done."
Larry Bellah is the flavor-obsessed fuel behind Wingstop's culinary engine. As Senior Director of Culinary, he drives the innovation, experimentation, and flavor design that power one of the world's largest restaurant brands and its $5B+ in annual sales.
Contact: **Karen Brack**, kwbrack18@gmail.com, 214.477.1151.

4:00PM – 6:00PM - Small MENSA Meeting Canton / Wills Point (Third Saturday of each month)
Location: **We meet in each other's homes on a rotating basis**
We will send out a reminder about a week before each meeting giving this month's location and subject matter to be discussed. Purely a discussion group; no games, no food fests, no partying. Enjoy the

exchange of thoughts and ideas without contention!
Contact: **Gerard Brohman**: (gbrohman@live.com)

21 SATURDAY (Continued)

6:30PM – Games SIG

Location: **Bill & Ellen Rock's Home**
"The Rock Pile": 701 Victorian Dr, Allen, 75002
We have some classic board games and some new ones, and we're happy to try anything you care to bring over. Snacks and soft drinks will be available.
Contacts: **Bill and/or Ellen Rock**: (972.396.8160 •/+ 214.356.5819, william.m.rock@gmail.com

22 SUNDAY

1:30PM - Eclectic Book Club (Fourth Sunday)

Location: **Half Price Books Mothership**:
5803 E NW Hwy, Dallas, TX 75231
This month EBC is reading *North Woods* by Daniel Mason. Eclectic Book Club picks are generally available in hardback, paperback or for e-readers. They should also be available at your local library.
Contacts: **Larry Strickler**: (lstrickler1@verizon.net or 972.495.8076) or **Bill Rock**: (972.415.5302 or william.m.rock@gmail.com)

2:30 PM Theodore Talk: "Munich and the Rise of the Nazi Party".

Adolf Hitler once referred to Munich as the "capital of the Nazi movement," a title he officially conferred on the city in 1935. Dr. Shelly Cline, Historian and Director of Education at the **Midwest Center for Holocaust Education**, will explore Munich's central role in the rise of National Socialism—from its roots in the aftermath of World War I, through Hitler's transformation of the Nazi Party, to the city's function within the broader machinery of the Third Reich. The presentation will also examine how Munich has since reckoned with this complex and troubling legacy.
Register for this presentation at **https://tinyurl.com/2pfuy63w**. Even if you can't attend the live Theodore Talk, as long as you register in advance you will receive a link to the Zoom recording. All Theodore Talks have Closed Captioning enabled, and this year we are offering Translated Captions as well. Theodore Talks are made possible by the generous financial support of Life Member Dr. Mark Cohen, Thank you. Questions? Contact us
at **MensaTheodoreTalks@gmail.com**.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

The following are new or rejoining members of North Texas Mensa. Please join us in welcoming them to our group.
New Mensans: Rowan Belz, Piper Belz, Ashley Ek, Alec Haney, Chase Iser, Eleanor Ledet, Piper Pangborn, Samruthi Rajagopalakrishnan, Rocket Rensink, Samuel Williams
Moving to NTM: Daryle Johnson, Lisa Sakowski
Rejoining Mensa and NTM: Beckie Callahan, Anthony Meche, Eugene Morrissey, Laura Traynor, Adam Uszynski
We welcome you <u>all</u>, and look forward to seeing you at future functions!

Preview

FINAL REPORT OF THE BYLAWS COMMITTEE

Ballot counting for the bylaws referendum was conducted on January 5, 2026. There were 16 ballots that were submitted in person at the November general meeting and 2 mail-in ballots. The results of the ballot counting were as follows:
YES: 15 votes
NO: 3 votes
A two-thirds vote being necessary for bylaws amendments to pass, the revised NTM bylaws are passed.
I filed the revised bylaws with the National Bylaws Committee for final approval. Approval came very quickly, and the effective date of the new NTM Bylaws is January 6, 2026.
The Election Code will have to be revised to comply with the new voting procedure. I will publish a revised edition of the NTM Officer's Handbook containing the new Bylaws.
Respectfully submitted,
Randy Brack
NTM Bylaws Committee Chair

NORTH TEXAS MENSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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North Texas Mensa Board of Directors minutes for January 8, 2026

The Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:31PM by President Cathy Allshouse. Also present virtually were Vice-President Esther Bellah, Treasurer Paul Whiteman, Secretary Eric "Gunny" Hartman, and Board Members at Large Aaron Adair and Chuck Weis. Absent was BMAL Philip Tocci.

1. Reports: The following reports were given.

President – Cathy Allshouse … The next Board meeting will be February 5 at 7:30PM via Zoom. The plan will be to keep the Board meeting on the first Thursday night of the month via Zoom. Recently elected Region 6 RVC Laura Smith of Gulf Coast Mensa was introduced to the group as she joined our meeting. Cathy encouraged involvement in SIGs (Special Interest Groups), evening noting a desire to one day start one called "Retired and Inspired," after retirement, that is. Cathy noted some officer positions that will need to be filled (e.g., membership) for 2026. She solicited suggestions and volunteers, but will also confirm the interest of those who served previously.

Secretary – Gunny Hartman … The minutes of the December 2025 meeting were distributed via email and accepted.

Treasurer – Paul Whiteman … At the end of November, NTM had $9,575.63 in checking, $13,660.47 in savings, and a note receivable of $10,000, giving us $33,236.10 in total assets. At the end of December, NTM had $8,662.95 in checking, $13,660.59 in savings, and a note receivable of $10,000, giving us $32,323.54 in total assets. As of December 31, the RG account balance is $3,311.76.There appears to be just over $1,700 profit from the RG. Paul is working on a 2026 budget and encouraged deliberation on what we might do with some of our savings to generate further involvement by the membership and/or greater financial return on that money. Board members and chairs in particular are encouraged to contact Paul with any budgetary requests and/or suggestions.

S.I.G.H.T. – Gunny Hartman … Nothing to report

Gifted Youth – Bill Rock … "Six members attended ornament making in December. For January, a professional writer is giving a talk on college essays. Room rental for the talk at a Plano library location was $60. I will apply for a Mensa foundation grant for half the expense; I'm requesting the board approve $30 to defray the cost, so I can get a matching grant for the balance."

Editor – Bill Rock … "M-Aura needing a few more inputs. Thanks to all who review and find the problems."

Testing Coordinator – Rebecca Raymond … "We had one tester in December and our January test is slated for next week!"

Social Media/Facebook - Collene Goldman … " Facebook page still doing well."

Programs – Karen Brack … January will have Mark Witte of the Sierra Club asking, "Can we stop climate change?" February's meeting (2PM on Saturday, the 21st) will feature WingStop's Larry Bellah: "Inside the Engine of Flavor Innovation." Some potential ideas for 2026 included the Dallas Blooms at the Dallas Arboretum, a New Members party or picnic some weekend afternoon at a park, and outings to local sporting events.

Regional Gathering – Karen Brack … There may be a few RG receipts coming in for reimbursement.

Bylaws Committee – Randy Brack and Paul Whiteman … "Ballot counting for the bylaws referendum was conducted on January 5, 2026. There were 16 ballots that were submitted in person at the November general meeting and 2 mail-in ballots. The results of the ballot counting were as follows: YES: 15 votes and NO: 3 votes. A two-thirds vote being necessary for bylaws amendments to pass, the revised NTM bylaws are passed. I will now file the revised bylaws with the National Bylaws Committee for final approval. When they approve, the Committee will notify NTM of the effective date of the new bylaws." They went into effect January 6, 2026. The new bylaws will necessitate a change to the current election code, prior to forming the election committee. Randy has proposed an election code for the election of 2027 officers on pages 48-51 of the officers' handbook.

2. Actions: The following action was taken.

A motion was made by Gunny Hartman, seconded by Paul Whiteman, and passed by the board to authorize treasurer Paul Whiteman to spend up to $1,500 on 2026 expenses that may be incurred prior to adopting a budget for 2026, hopefully in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31PM after a motion was made by Paul Whiteman to that effect, which was seconded by Esther Bellah, and subsequently passed.

NTM Board Members for 2026: *Blue italics = new*

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~NTM Appointed Positions ~

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Rebecca Raymond, ntmtesting@northtexasmensa.org

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