

EWTG Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

5:30 – 7:00 PM

Zoom Meeting

Board Position	Name	Present
President	Coleen Hall	x
President-Elect	Terri Peirce	x
Finance Director	Jennifer Moussa	x
Operations Director	Tricia Schulze	
Affiliates Director	Crystal Zhang	x
Communications Director	Karren Rotan	
Membership Director	Lucie Preto	x
Education Director	Jessica Hyde	x
Professional Development Director	Sarah Melecki	x
Engagement Director	Monica Dirba	x
Conference Director	Alida Bennett	x
Conference Co-Director	Jennifer Chancellor-Hurd	x
Community Service Chair	Kimberly McConic	x
Nominating Chair	Chan McDermott	
Scholarship Chair	Colleen Couch	
Guest – East Affiliate	Shantesa Terrell	x
Guest – East Affiliate	Lea Saunders	x
CMP Management	Melanie Bowman	x
CMP Management	Becky Gray	x

- Segue – Coleen Hall called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.
- Approval of Minutes- Coleen Hall
January 24, 2026, minutes were presented. **Sarah Melecki made a motion to approve January 24, 2026, minutes as presented. Jessica Hyde seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion carried unanimously.**
- EWTG 2026 Calendar and EWTG Scorecard – Coleen Hall
 - Please add events on the EWTG Calendar and avoid overlapping with other events. The Scorecard was reviewed.
- President’s Report - Coleen Hall
 - Report submitted.
 - Coleen thanked the Board for participating in Strategic Planning in January. She then shared her priorities for 2026: Finalizing the strategic plan; updating the Policies and Procedures Guide; Website redesign and potentially a new EWTG logo; Membership recruitment/engagement (including the new Student Membership and Affiliates). Coleen

also shared safe strategies for Board members to avoid potential email spam or phishing attempts.

- Finance Director Report – Jennifer Moussa
 - December 2025 and January 2026 financials will be reviewed for approval during the March Board Meeting.

Old Business

- Strategic Plan – Terri Peirce
The 2026 Strategic Plan was reviewed. **Monica Dirba made a motion to approve the 2026 Strategic Plan as presented. Sarah Melecki seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion carried.**

New Business

- Ratify Vote - Scholarship Award – Colleen Couch
Tamara Young applied for a scholarship to attend “Design and Manage Analytics Solutions Using Power BI (PL-300 Exam Prep)” with a maximum award of \$2,000. On January 29, 2026 an online email vote was held. A motion was made at that time by Terri Peirce and seconded by Tricia Schulze to approve the scholarship award as submitted from the Scholarship Committee. **Sarah Melecki made a motion to ratify the online vote from January 29, 2026. Terri Peirce seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carried.**
- 2025 Conference Receivables – Coleen Hall
Two invoices in the amount of \$300 each are still outstanding from Roxanne Moreno and Shawn Tupy with HHSC despite ongoing collection efforts. **Sarah Melecki made a motion to write off the \$600 receivable. Alida Bennett seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion carried.**
- East Affiliate Proposal – Crystal Zhang and Coleen Hall
Crystal Zhang shared a proposal to start an East Affiliate (Houston region). There are three volunteer East Affiliate leader volunteers, Shantesa Terrell, Sandra Roman, and Lea Saunders who are the early stages of planning hybrid meetings. There is a proposed \$429 budget request to launch this affiliate chapter. This affiliate will replace the Houston Affiliate. **Monica Dirba made a motion to approve the launch and engagement of an East Affiliate. Crystal Zhang seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion carried.**
- President-Elect – Terri Peirce
 - No further report.
- Conference Committee – Alida Bennett
 - Alida reported that all conference chairs have been filled. A save the date for the conference will be in the March newsletter. The 2026 conference will be held at Kalahari Resort on November 8-9, 2026. Several potential speaker recommendations are under consideration for the conference.
- Operations Committee – Tricia Schulze
 - No report.
- Membership Committee – Lucie Prieto

- Lucie has engaged the committee and all meetings for 2026 are set. The committee will be collaborating throughout the year with the Engagement Committee. An event is being planned for April. A 'New Member Guide' is being developed. Outreach to members who joined in 2025 is also a goal to increase engagement. The committee would like to explore EWTG apparel to be available for purchase by members. Business cards
- Education Committee – Jessica Hyde
 - The February Mini has been rescheduled for May. Jessica shared information on speakers for March – July 2026. A small in-person event is being explored. Committee meetings are under development.
- Professional Development Committee– Sarah Melecki
 - Report submitted.
 - Sarah shared all mentors and mentees have been matched. The Success Team Kick Off and Peer mentoring kick off is scheduled for March. Optional training will be offered to participants. The Networking on New Horizons Success Team will have a trip to Lampasas in March. Efforts are underway to engage student members with valuable programming.
- Communications Committee – Karren Rotan
 - March newsletter content is due by February 20.
- Engagement Committee– Monica Dirba
 - Report submitted.
 - Monica expressed appreciation to Lucie Prieto for a strong start on the Membership Committee and for collaboration with the Engagement Committee.
 - A New Member Orientation is scheduled for February 23. The new East Affiliate will be introduced at this meeting.
- Affiliates – Crystal Zhang
 - No additional report.
- Community Service Committee – Kimberly McConic
 - Kim McConic shared information on a mobile tech and food drive.
- Nominating Committee – Chan McDermott
 - No report.
- Scholarship Committee– Colleen Couch
 - No additional report.
- Conclude / Adjourn – The meeting adjourned by consensus at 6:59 pm.