



Texas Nurses Association: District 7

Virtual –Microsoft Teams
Monday, July 6, 2026, at 6 PM CST

- I. Welcome and opening remarks
 - a. **Icebreaker:** "If District 7 could solve one problem for nurses in Central Texas this year, what should it be?"
 - i. **Responses:** (1) Nurse to patient ratios, (2) Building increased interest in membership, (3) Education and increased awareness r/t the new BON CEU requirements for license renewal, partnering on timely submissions and possible delays to maintain compliance, (4) Lobby our Congressional Delegation to repeal the IMD Exclusion, which prevents Medicaid from paying for admission to a psychiatric hospital larger than 16 beds
 - b. Recognition:
 - i. Graduations; Birthdays: Ebony's Birthday on July 11th
 - ii. **New Members:** Maria Talamo
 - iii. **First Time attendees:** Maria Talamo, prior D5 member since 1999
 - iv. Certifications; Publications/Presentations: Ebony first time podium presenter at TNA conference, will present at GNSA at the end of the month and TCFN in August
 - v. Grants/Scholarships: Shaye Whitt, Melony Clifton, and Ebony Gebrehawariat were TNA D7 Scholarship recipients
 - vi. Promotions/Transitions
 - vii. Celebrations of Life & Birth: Madison Davidson, birth of baby girl in May 2026; Shanna Akers passing of her daughter.
- II. **Guest Speaker:** Kim Sisson, CCRN, MSN, CPXP with Convatec:
 - a. Presentation: "Optimizing Fecal Containment"
 - b. **Materials/resources to be sent to the membership**
- III. **Called to Order at 1845**
- IV. **Roll Call (Establish Quorum) – Met by a majority of the Executive Committee**
 - a. Executive Committee: Ebony Gebrehawariat, Erica Perrine, Cynthea Andrews
 - i. Absent: Shanna Akers (LOA), LaGidgette Robinson, Aubri Wood

- b. Members: Joann Grimes, MioNeshia McDonald, Melony Clifton, Pam Sanford, Joanyett Mays, Maria Talamo, Terris Goodwin, Dominica Carey Hunt, Dawn Reiss, Marissa Hudler, Connie Swofford, Dana Wagner
- c. Student: Brooklyn Ross (UNT Health Fort Worth)
- d. Guests: Nneka Uwaemelu (Woman's Hospital Baton Rouge, Louisiana), Nympha Agogo (GoodLife Senior Living and Memory Care of El Paso), Livy Griffin

V. Adoption of the Agenda: 07/06/2026

VI. Approval of the Minutes: 06/01/2026. Erica Perrine moves to approve. Pam Sanford seconds. The motion passes without opposition.

- a. Reminder to attendees that the Call to Agenda is the membership's opportunity to provide input to what we discuss at meetings.

VII. Correspondence: Congressmen John Carter email letters, see attached.

VIII. State & District Reports:

- a. 2026 TNA Annual Conference
 - i. **Record attendance this year. Goal for more nurses from District 7 to attend next year. D7 leadership will try to obtain baseline data for D7 registrants and enhance student participation in conference student track in collaboration with our schools of nursing.**
 - ii. Dawn and Ebony presented their work from D7 at the conference
- b. **Texas Nurse PAC fundraising goal is \$1500 for D7, see the link to donate.**
 - 1. This is how we help allow our nurses run for office
- c. ANA Hill Day & Membership Assembly
 - i. Met with 4 congressional members and discussed workplace violence, nursing as a professional degree, improving care and access to nurses, title VIII nursing workforce development programs.
 - ii. Bylaw amendments approved:
 - 1. Apportionment
 - 2. LPN/LVN membership in ANA
 - iii. Dialogue forms included:
 - 1. Incivility
 - 2. Environmental Sustainability
 - 3. Competency surrounding cannabis integration
- d. General Membership Meeting Calendar
 - i. Held first Monday of each month virtually from 1800-1930 (except September)
 - ii. Quarterly in-person meetings will start at 1730 for arrival/networking

- e. TNA D7/Sigma Policy Summit
 - i. Monday, November 2, 2026, from 9AM-3PM at TAMU-CT ([save the date here](#)).
 - ii. **Invitations will be sent from Dawn and Ebony soon for those who volunteered to join the planning committee**
- IX. Business
 - a. Civic Engagement Survey
 - i. **Survey completion encouraged at this time, [visit the hyperlink here](#).**
 - b. LVN Memberships/Committee
 - i. **Re-introduced topic and tabled vote for next meeting.**
 - ii. Widespread support and feedback to continue this initiative
 - c. Enhancing Membership > Member Ambassador Program
 - i. Ambassadors to focus on community, engagement, and leadership
- X. Open Floor (if time permits)
- XI. Announcements
 - a. **Next General Membership Meeting:** Monday, August 3rd, at 6 PM, Online
 - i. Bell County Elections Administrator and NAACP President-Killeen Branch will present for Civic Health Month. [Register here](#).
 - b. **Social Event:** The Vital Conversations Mixer, August 31, at 6PM, Bar 1859, [RSVP here](#).
 - i. Several legislative members will be present
- XII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Dawn Reiss. Genera Miller seconds. The motion passes without opposition.

Submitted by Secretary Cynthea Andrews on July 6, 2026

Reviewed by Presiding Officer Ebony Gebrehawariat on July 7, 2026

JOHN R. CARTER

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Sincerely,

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