

**#400-1045**

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS INC.  
2025 ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Convention Center  
North Charleston, SC  
Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

**2:30 PM EDT**

**Call to order and welcome:** President Brenda Moore called the ninety-fourth Convention Meeting of the Board of Directors of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 2:30 PM on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

**Inspiration:** The Inspiration was given by Patricia Ortalano, President, Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.

**Introductions:** The President welcomed those former NGC Presidents in attendance today.

**Quorum:** The Chair declared a quorum present.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda for this meeting was distributed by email prior to the meeting. The agenda, with appendices A and B, was adopted.

**Committee to approve minutes:** Without objection the President appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of this meeting:

Gerianne Holzman, Second Vice President, Chair  
Bud Qualk, Corresponding Secretary  
Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian

**Appointment of Timekeepers:** Without objection, the President appointed Martha Hilton, President, West Virginia Garden Club, Inc. and Emily Shirey, Youth Organizations.

**Appointment of Tellers:** Without objection, the President appointed Judy Binns, FSS Chair and Audit Chairman; Gwen Dewitt, Environmental School Accrediting and Marjorie Dienhart, President, The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.

**Report of the committee appointed to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2024 Board of Directors meeting:** Gerianne Holzman, Chairman of the Committee to approve the Minutes: The Minutes were approved and circulated

**Acceptance of Resignations:** Linda Jean Brown, Youth Recyclable Sculpture Contest  
**ACCEPTED WITH REGRET**

**Ratification of Appointments.** The following appointments have been approved by the Executive Committee subject to ratification by the Board of Directors:

- Terry Critchlow, Youth Recyclable Sculpture Contest
- Cindy Thornton, 2025 NGC Convention Chairman
- Linda Howle, 2025 NGC Convention Vice Chairman
- Becky Crow, 2025 NGC Convention Vice Chairman

**RATIFIED**

**Ratification of Nominating Committee and Chairman and Vice Chairman.**

The following appointments have been approved by the Executive Committee subject to ratification by the Board of Directors: Gail Manna to serve as Nominating Committee Chairman for the 2025-2027 term. And Doris Duckworth to serve as Nominating Committee Vice Chairman for the 2025-2027 term.

**RATIFIED**

**Reports of Officers:** All reports of Officers were deferred.

**Report of our NGC Executive Director Bill Trapp:** Final report on income for our 2024 Annual Convention and 2024 FBM. Report on file.

**Final 2024-2025 audit report:** Judy Binns, Audit Committee Chairman reported that Conner Ash, PC audited the financial statements of NGC for the fiscal year ended 2024, and they have stated that these financial statements present fairly in all aspects.

**ADOPTED**

**Adoption of the NGC 2025-2026 budget:** Lynette Jeffres, Treasurer. This budget was sent to our Board electronically, for review, prior to the NGC Convention.

**ADOPTED**

**Recommendations from Executive Committee:** Refer to Agenda Appendices A and B for the Executive Committee recommendations.

**Amendment to Standing Rules - Appendix A**

Currently Reads	Proposed Changes	Would Read if Adopted
<b>Proposal #1</b> <b>FINANCE</b> 11. NGC budgets for lodging, transportation and registration expenses for the President to visit State Garden Clubs.	<b>FINANCE</b> 11. NGC budgets for lodging, transportation and registration expenses for the President to <del>visit State Garden Clubs.</del> <u>travel as NGC’s official representative. Expenses for</u>	<b>FINANCE</b> 11. NGC budgets for lodging, transportation and registration expenses for the President to travel as NGC’s official representative. Expenses

	<u>the Vice Presidents’ or the Executive Director’s travel as the NGC president’s official representative shall be covered by the NGC President’s travel budget.</u>	for the Vice Presidents’ or the Executive Director’s travel as the NGC president’s official representative shall be covered by the NGC President’s travel budget.
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Rationale: To clarify reimbursement of travel expenses of NGC’s official representatives. **APPROVED**

**Recommendations from Executive Committee, Appendix B:**

1. That the following be approved for membership to NGC as International Affiliate Clubs:

#732 – Club Infantil Kiri – Mexico **APPROVED**  
#733 – Club Flor de Loto – Mexico **APPROVED**

2. Eliminate CE-3 FOOD BANK DONATIONS, replace with CE-3 COMMUNITY FOOD SOURCES. See Appendix B for complete details.

*Rationale: To broaden the scope of this award to recognize all efforts made to relieve food insecurity.* **APPROVED**

3. Revise EC-6 ORGANC PRACTICES award description to read (new section underlined)

Given for the most outstanding project or educational activity emphasizing and employing the use of organic materials and methods in gardening. Will not be given to the same project in two consecutive years.

*Rationale: This will encourage more applications for this award.* **APPROVED**

4. Revise SR-4 CITATION FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE award description to read (new section underlined)

Given at the end of a term to the National Garden Clubs, Inc. President in appreciation of notable achievement and guidance by that President. The President-elect shall be in charge of this award which shall be presented at the Installation Ceremony for new officers by the newly installed President.

*Rationale: Clarification is needed for the individual responsible for making this happen and exactly when it will occur each term.* **APPROVED**

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:06 PM EDT.

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Monica Hansen, Recording Secretary	Date
<div>Signed by: <i>Brenda Moore</i> 320E4DB15F874C2...</div>	5/28/2025
Brenda Moore, President	Date
<div>Signed by: <i>Gerianne Holzman</i> 8EC610A53F974FF...</div>	5/28/2025
Gerianne Holzman, Second Vice President	Date
<div>Signed by: <i>Bud Qualk</i> 54A980E5782B453...</div>	6/3/2025
Bud Qualk, Corresponding Secretary	Date
<div>Signed by: <i>Greg Pokorski</i> 3D70B38396734D6...</div>	5/30/2025
Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian	Date