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NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

2025– 2027 FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Held via Zoom

Thursday, September 17, 2026

Call to Order and Welcome: President Donna Donnelly called the ninety-seventh fall Board of Directors' Meeting of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., to order at 2:02 PM Eastern Time on September 17, 2026, via Zoom.

Inspiration: The inspiration was given by Rene Lynch, Central Region Director

Introductions: The President introduced the former Presidents of NGC who were with us today on Zoom.

Region Directors attending today: Polly Brooks, New England Region; Beverly Kazickas, Central Atlantic Region; Linda Howle, South Atlantic Region; Denise Thorne, Deep South Region; Rene Lynch, Central Region; Christine Longthorp, South Central Region; Shirley Pursel, Rocky Mountain Region and Tanja Swanson, Pacific Region.

Credentials Report/Quorum: Lisa Hall, Credentials Chair
Total voting strength is 125.

Registration Report: Katie Roth, Assistant Executive Director
Total on-line attendance is 156.

Virtual Meetings and Hand Icon Rules: Carolyn Lowry-Nation, Parliamentarian
The Convention Rules were read and adopted.

Agenda: The agenda was distributed via email prior to the meeting and was adopted as distributed.

Committee to Approve the Minutes: Without objection, the President appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of this September 17, 2026, Fall Board Meeting:

Suzy Andrego, 2nd Vice President, Chair
Susan Miner, 3rd Vice President
Laurie Churchill, Corresponding Secretary

Appointment of timekeeper: Karen Doersam, Website Liaison

Report of the Committee to Approve the Board of Directors' Minutes of May 6, 2026:

Suzy Andrego, 2nd VP, FC Chair, Board of Directors meeting, May 6, 2026
The Minutes were approved and distributed.

Reports of Officers: Copies of reports given are on file.

Other Reports: Bill Trapp, Executive Director, copy on file.

Report of the 2025 – 2026 audit: Judy Binns, Chairman.

Preliminary Report Of The 2026 NGC Convention:

Pat Wilson, Connie Gladding - Meeting Coordinators

Recommendations from our NGC Executive Committee:

1. Approval of the NGC 2027 Convention Budget, which was distributed by email earlier. **RATIFIED**
2. That, beginning with this fiscal Year (6/1/2026) 100% of the state membership dues received by National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) be dedicated to the PLANT AMERICA Grant Program. The grant guidelines are to be revised. **RATIFIED**

Invitation to the 2027 NGC Convention in Madison, Wisconsin:

Maureen Gordon, 2027 Convention Chairman

Reports of Chairmen: Reports on file.

Gail Manna, Nominating Committee Chair

Mary Warshauer, Special Committee to Review the Bylaws and Standing Rules Chair

Dates of future Board of Directors' Meetings:

Friday, May 14, 2027, at Convention – Madison, Wisconsin

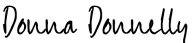
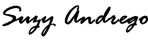
September 2027 - Virtual – TBD and May 2028, Convention - TBD

Final Credentials Report: Lisa Hall, Chairman - Total voting strength is 136

Final Registration Report: Katie Roth, Assistant Executive Director

Final on-line registration is 156.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:58 PM ET.

Signed by:	
	9/21/2026
Monica Hansen, Recording Secretary	Date
Signed by:	
	9/21/2026
Donna Donnelly, President	Date
Signed by:	
	9/22/2026
Suzy Andrego, Second Vice President	Date
Signed by:	
	9/22/2026
Susan Miner, Third Vice President	Date
Signed by:	
	9/21/2026
Laurie Churchill, Corresponding Secretary	Date