Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2026
Start Time: 4:34 p.m.
End Time: 5:47 p.m.
Location: Agricenter Meeting Room

Board Members Present:

Name	Title
Rick Clayton	President
Jan Dickey	Vice President
Cindy Smith	Treasurer
LeAnn Drewry	Vice Treasurer
Paula Pilgrim	Recording Secretary
Barbara Hodges	Corresponding Secretary
Cheryl Lockhart	Ten Plus Director
Debbie Hill	Senior Director
*Ricky Clarke	Junior Director
Terry Merriweather	Past President

*absent

Guests Present: Jessica Maestas, Christina Clapsadle

Presiding Chair: Rick Clayton, President
Minutes: Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

A. **Call to order:** Rick Clayton called the meeting to order.

B. **Review and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes**: The minutes from the May 4, 2026, board meeting were approved, as published.

C. **Extension Report and Announcements**: Jessica Maestas reported that the MAMG office within the Extension office is being organized and cleared of items that are out of date or no longer needed. Those with "lost and found" items are being notified to retrieve them. Items that are appropriate for Spring Fling Book Sale or Garden Jumble will be donated.

D. **Vice President:** Jan Dickey reported that the June member meeting speaker will be Scott Schoefernacker, Science Director for "Preserve Our Aquifer".

E. **Treasurer**: Cindy Smith presented the financial report.
F. **Recording Secretary:** No report
G. **Corresponding Secretary:** Barbara Hodges reported that cards were sent to those who are ill. Additionally, information was shared regarding arrangements for a recently deceased member which will be published in the newsletter. Barbara asked that all directors continue to remind their constituents of the process for notification of funeral/memorial arrangements.

H. **Directors:** No report

I. **President:** Rick Clayton asked parliamentarian Christina Clapsadle to present suggested sections of the Executive Board Standing Rules for removal from the document. Included are BSR2010.1 (regarding newsletter size), BSR2012.1(regarding newsletter distribution), and BSR2012.4 (regarding newsletter size). After discussion, also included for removal is section BSR.2023.1 (regarding selection of Annual Nominating Committee). Currently the Nominating Committee is a Standing Committee co-chaired by Kandi Reilly and Linda Pittman. Further information will be brought before the board at the July meeting at which time a vote will be held regarding actions to be taken.

J. **New Business:** LeAnn Drewry voiced concerns regarding the public relations of MAMG relative to the Facebook page and other social media. A recommendation was made to establish a Committee for Public Relations. This is in place, but the committee remains open. Clarification of the administration of the MAMG Facebook page was requested. There matters are ongoing.

Adjournment: Rick Clayton, President, declared the meeting adjourned.

Next Board Meeting: July 2, 2026

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Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary Rick Clayton, President