

Memphis Area Master Gardeners Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, August 6, 2026

Start Time: 4:33 p.m.

End Time: 5:42 p.m.

Location: Agricenter Meeting Room

Board Members Present:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
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 July 2, 2026, board meeting were approved as published.
- C. Extension Report and Announcements:** Jessica Maestas reported that 110 individuals applied for the 2027 MAMG intern class. Several interviews were declined and/or the candidate failed to show as scheduled. Of those interviewed, 55 will receive acceptance notification on or before August 18, 2026.
Jessica also informed the board members that they are invited to attend graduation of the 2026 intern class. RSVP to Dr. Cooper or Jessica if planning to attend. Gwen Campbell is coordinating refreshments for the event.
- D. Vice President:** Jan Dickey reported that the speaker for the August member meeting is Kyle McClain, Manager of Grounds Horticulture at Dixon Gallery and Gardens.

- E. Treasurer:** Cindy Smith presented the financial report. She also reported that the semiannual peer review was conducted revealing only minor adjustment or correction within the past 6 months of reports. She also noted that one CD had matured and was repurchased for one year at a more favorable rate of return. Cindy stated that a newly developed form for MAMG expenditures is being discussed with Ashley Burnette of the website committee to expedite and automate the process.
- F. Recording Secretary:** No report
- G. Corresponding Secretary:** No report
- H. Directors:** No report
- I. New Business:**
- a. Executive Board Standing Rules-**Jan Dickey, in collaboration with Christina Clapsadle, recommended removal of BSR2010-1, BSR2012-1, and BSR2012-4 from the Standing Rules document. These sections applied to the former MAMG newsletter. Section BSR2023-1 regarding the Nominating Committee was recommended for removal as this is now a Standing Committee. President Rick Clayton asked for a motion which was seconded and unanimously approved by the Executive Board. This will be updated on the website.
 - b. Bylaws-**The MAMG Bylaws Article VIII Standing Committee Sections 9,11, and 12 reference projects as opposed to standing committees. These will be brought to the Bylaws Committee for appropriate updates to those documents. They will also be asked to formalize two additional committees ("Hospitality" and "Day of Education") which are currently functioning committees.
- J. Announcement:** Jan Dickey reminded that the MAMG Fall Party is October 8, 2026, at Bartlett United Methodist Church gymnasium. This will be an indoor picnic with food, games, and fun for members. The RSVP process is being arranged.

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

Next Board Meeting: September 3, 2026

Paula Pilgrim, Recording Secretary

Rick Clayton, President