



**Dallas Genealogical Society
General Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2025**

The Dallas Genealogical Society (DGS) held its General Meeting on April 5, 2025, to review organizational updates, upcoming events, and ongoing projects. The meeting covered financial updates, community engagement, preservation efforts, and upcoming special interest group (SIG) meetings.

Call to Order

President Tony Hanson opened the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order. A reminder was issued regarding the session recording.

Minutes from the prior meeting: There were no corrections or additions. They are available on the DGS website as of April 5, 2025.

Quorum: We had 12 people at the General Meeting and 42 on Zoom, for 54 attendees. The quorum is 21 members.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous general meeting were presented for review. No corrections were noted, and the minutes were approved as distributed.

Financial Summary

A financial update was given for March 2025.

INCOME/EXPENSES	
Total Deposits / Income	\$3,369.12
Total Payments / Expenses	-\$4,608.14

CASH IN ACCOUNTS	



Checking	\$17,200.92
Savings	\$54,728.07
Investment Accounts	\$100,000.00

Annual Awards

The Annual Awards Ceremony will occur at the upcoming **General Meeting on May 3, 2025**. Nominations are open, and members are encouraged to submit names of deserving individuals.

Conference Updates

- The **Arlington, Texas Stake Family History Conference** was held on March 22.
- The **Society Leadership Forum** is scheduled for **November 6, 2025**.

Cemetery Indexing Project

A significant update was provided on the ongoing project to enhance the DGS Cemetery Database by adding direct links to external memorial sites:

- **Goal:** Index and link all 42,034 records to **FindAGrave.com** and **BillionGraves.com**
- **Progress (as of April 5, 2025):** 11,146 records completed (**26.5%**)
- Recognition was given to the **Top 5 Indexers**, though names were not publicly shared during the session.

Top 5 Indexers*

Past 30 Days

Overall Status

# of Records	Name	# of Records	Name
401	Suzan Younger	3514	Heather Hall
380	Megan Dobbins	2824	Megan Dobbins
157	Amy Halbrook	2667	Suzan Younger
109	Heather Hall	710	Amy Halbrook
42	Julie Leon	357	Julie Leon
37	Donald Hinson		



African American Genealogical Interest Group (AAGIG) Projects

Indexing Contributions:

- Members of AAGIG have indexed a total of **5,566 records** to date.

African American Genealogical Interest Group

McGowan Funeral Home Records Digitization Project:

- Digitized images will be made publicly available through the **Dallas Public Library Recollect** server:
<https://dallaslibrary.recollectcms.com>
- These images will also be **linked to the DGS McGowan Index**, further enhancing accessibility and searchability for genealogical researchers.

Special Interest Group (SIG) Meetings

April 2025

- **African American Group:** April 19 at 2:00 pm



Location: 6th Floor – Classroom C + Zoom AFRICAN AMERICAN

- **Best Practices Group:** April 26 at 10:30 am



Location: 8th Floor – McDermott Room BEST PRACTICES

May 2025

- **German Genealogy Group:** May 10 at 10:30 am



Location: 6th Floor – Classroom D + Zoom GERMAN GENEALOGY



- **DNA Group:** May 15 at 6:00 pm



Location: 6th Floor – Classroom D + Zoom

Board Nominations for 2025–2026

The **Nominating Committee** members were announced:

- Todd DeDecker
- Kim Edge
- Terry Turner
- Tony Hanson

Elected Officers (Nominated):

- **President:** Beri Kaplan Schwitzer



- **Vice President:** Nancy Pardo



- **Secretary:** Chris Bryant



Executive Committee Members (Appointed)

- **Director of Finance:** Susan Rainwater
- **Director of Information Technology:** Melissa Fleming
- **Immediate Past President:** Tony Hanson

Formal elections will be held at the May 3, 2025, General Meeting.

May 2025 General Meeting Preview

- **Date:** May 3, 2025
- **Location:** 7th Floor, Dallas Public Library
- **Program:** *Translating, Transcribing, and Summarizing Documents Using AI*



- **Presenter:** Thomas MacEntee
- **Agenda:** Formal Election of 2025–2026 Board Officers

Acknowledgments

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Tech Team:

- Melissa Fleming
- Todd DeDecker
- Paul Feather
- Amy Halbrook

Hospitality:

- Betty Case

Facilities and A/V Support:

- Dallas Public Library Staff
- A/V Tech: Jordan Bock

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 am. Members were invited to remain for fellowship and discussion.

Educational Program **Apr 5, 2025**



- **Speaker:** LaBrenda Garrett-Nelson
- **Topic:** *Immigration & Naturalization, Texas Style*
- **Access:** The recorded presentation will remain online for 30 days after the meeting.