

**SPE-STX Board Meeting June 10, 2025
Minutes**

Attendees

Bahrani, Iman	✓	Lauzon, Peter	X
Baker, Carl	X	Lee, Clifford	✓
Ball, Jason	✓	Liu, Yangwei	✓
Cevallos-Candau, Fernando	✓	McDaniel, Preston	✓
Chen,Alisa	✓	Padilla, Angela	✓
Davis,Donna	✓	Pontiff, Steve	X
Doyle, Dell	X	Sanketh,Kumar	✓
Helton, Janell (non-voting)	✓	Torchia,Steve	X
Hansen, David	✓	Wagner,John	✓

Standing Agenda:

- *Approve Minutes*
- *Counselor Report*
- *IPOC Update*
- *Treasurer Report*
- *Programs Update*
- *Membership Report*
- *Treasurer Report*
- *Educational Committee*
- *New Business:*

Quorum established at 5:00 P.M. (Central Time)

Approval of minutes : April and May minutes approved unanimously.

Welcome and introduction of new Board member Angela Padilla

Angela currently works in Polyolefins catalysis R&D with Chevron Phillips in Bartlesville, OK. Previous experience at ExxonMobil and Univation Technologies. She has 18 yrs of experience in PO catalyst R&D. In addition to the South Texas section, she is also involved with the OK section of SPE; which she reported is small but very active.

Counselor Report/SPE International Comments (Donna Davis):

Next meeting of the council will take place on June 20.

IPOC Report (Donna Davis):

Starting to plan for the 2026 IPOC. Agreements with partnering Divisions are going out on this week. The Plastics Recycling Conference will be going on at the same time as the IPOC, this may have an effect on attendance and exhibitor participation.

The 2026 conference will take place Monday-Thursday on February 23-26, 2026.

Phedloop will continue to be used as our on-line platform.

Treasurer Report:

All checks related to the 2025 IPOC have been issued.

The net revenue from IPOC 2025 for the South Texas section was \$124,000

Education Report (David Hansen):

Scholarship for member dependents: Four applications were approved.

University of Houston: Tentative date for the Fall dinner is the week of October 2-9, Preferred date may be October 2, since the K-Show starts on October 7. Coordinating with Professor Robertson at UH. May invite Rice, Baylor and Texas A&M chapters as well.

The education committee will be presenting a 2026 budget request at a future meeting.

Membership:

No report. Yanwei Liu is interested in assuming leadership of this committee.

Elections:

Board elections will be scheduled to take place electronically before the July meeting. All officers have reached the end of their term.

Jason Ball (currently president elect) will be the next president

Preston McDaniel moves to past president

The nominating committee consists of the current president, past president, president elect and councilor.

Additionally, any director can nominate from the floor a candidate.

The following nominations were made:

Motion by Donna Davis to nominate Fernando Cevallos-Candau to continue as secretary. Approved Unanimously.

Motion by Iman Bahrani to nominate Kumar Sanketh for Counselor. Approved Unanimously.

Motion by Iman Bahrani to nominate Donna Davis for treasurer. Approved unanimously.

Next Meeting: July 8, 2025

Respectfully submitted by:

J. Fernando Cevallos-Candau

Secretary

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- Attempt collaboration before conflict.
- Refrain from demeaning, discriminatory, or harassing behavior and speech.
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