




APIC DFW Chapter Business Meeting Minutes

Date: 3/5/2026

Facilitator	Therissa Grefsrud	Date	3/5/2026	Time	13:00
Location	Virtual Meeting (TEAMS)	Minutes prepared by	Febi Sammons		

<i>Topic</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Follow-up</i>
1. Education	<p>CE Presentation: <i>"Vaccines and Immunizations in a time of Global Boiling, Megacities, and Anti-Science"</i> Speaker: Peter J. Hotez, MD, PhD, DSc.(hon), FAAP, FASTMH</p> <p>Copy of presentation will be available on the APIC DFW website under resources</p>	
2. Opening	<p>Welcome to our first-time visitors and guests!</p> <p>86 virtual attendees today!</p>	
3. Meeting Minutes	<p>February 2026 Business Meeting Minutes – Posted on website</p> <p>Meeting minutes posted under Meeting Information, available to view for members only</p>	
4. Vendors	<p>Thank you to our exhibitor today:</p> <p>Teresa Ballard, Culturelle Email: teresa.ballard@dsm-firmenich.com Phone: 214-514-7225</p>	
5. New Business	<p><u>Volunteer Survey: Open until March 20th</u> – Survey to assess how you can get involved with our APIC community</p> <p>https://apicdfw.org/survey.php</p> 	

	<p><u>National APIC Updates:</u> Kim Strelczyk, RN, MSN, CIC, FAPIC with APIC Education Committee provided updates on strategic priorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthcare Infection Prevention Advisory Group (HIGPAG) replaced HICPAC in partnership with SHEA – first meeting to be held 4/1/26 • Microcredentials – focused, time-efficient learning • Increasing recognition for IP • Instructions for Use (IFUs): Summit planned, toolkit for training surveyors, library of IFU Risk Assessments, etc. • IP Academic Pathway • Hand Hygiene White Paper • IPC Playbook for Boards to be published in Forbes magazine <p><u>APIC DFW National Conference Support Application</u> – Deadline has been extended to March 13th, 2026</p> <p>Complete form: https://apicdfw.starchapter.com/form.php?form_id=31</p> <p><u>Monthly Member Office Hours</u> – 2nd Wednesday of the Month 12pm – 12:30pm</p>  <p><u>No Region 2/3 Public Health Report:</u></p>									
<p>6. Board Report(s)</p>	<p><u>2026 Chapter Officers & Board of Directors:</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="506 1320 1633 1425"> <tr> <td>Immediate Past President</td> <td><i>Gaby Perez</i></td> <td>Board Member #1</td> <td><i>Angela Obrien</i></td> </tr> <tr> <td>President</td> <td><i>Therissa Grefsrud</i></td> <td>Board Member #2</td> <td><i>Tijera Bell</i></td> </tr> </table>	Immediate Past President	<i>Gaby Perez</i>	Board Member #1	<i>Angela Obrien</i>	President	<i>Therissa Grefsrud</i>	Board Member #2	<i>Tijera Bell</i>	
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Government Affairs	<i>Jennifer Ruestmann</i>	Member Engagement	<i>Loan VanAuker</i>
Historian	<i>Idaresit Umoh</i>	Surveillance SIG	<i>Tia Johnson Jeri Monken</i>
National Liaison	<i>Kim Strelzyk Gaby Perez</i>	Mentoring	<i>Shannon Simmons</i>
Research	<i>Teri Mauldin</i>	Community Standards SIG	<i>Rachel Watson</i>
Webmaster	<i>Kelsey Tatum</i>	50 Year Celebration	<i>Ashley Bychowski Mary Lavis</i>

- Conference Committee (Kim Sutton) –Contact Kimberly Sutton (KimberlySutton@texashealth.org) if interested in joining the committee.
- Reminder: Participation in any of our committees earns you IPUs towards CIC recertification.
- Mentoring program: If you are interested in participating in the program to connect with other IPs, please enter your information on the [Mentoring Page](#) on the APIC DFW website.
- Call for Abstracts for 9th Annual APIC DFW Poster Presentation in August! The APIC-DFW Education Committee invites you to submit abstracts in the areas of infection prevention and control, healthcare epidemiology, and related fields for presentation at the APIC-DFW August Monthly Education Session. Click on the QR code below for more information and registration



- Government Affairs: Reports available – working on posting reports on APIC-DFW website
- Community Standards SIG – Resistant Organism Isolation Practices:
<https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=hztW6vSBwUmeKfngG4ASgltJUwHzIQhOnmx0PMGEgL9UNTI2UDNODIRQzEzOVNOM1VMNF1xSVNaQS4u&origin=lprLink&route=shor>

	<p>turl</p> <p>Purpose: To better understand current practices across DFW healthcare settings related to isolation, duration, and discontinuation methods for patients colonized or infected with multidrug-resistant organisms (MDROs).</p> <p>NOTE: Survey results will only be shared in aggregate and facility information will not be shared. Please have only one person per facility respond to the survey to avoid duplicate responses. Thank you!</p> <p>Scan the QR Code or Use the link to access the survey!</p> <p>https://forms.office.com/r/PrtvLFKetH?origin=lprLink [forms.office.com]</p> 	
<p>9. Open Forum/Announcements</p>	<p>Next Meeting Information:</p> <p>4/2/2026 Virtual (TEAMS)</p>	
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>More details can be found on our webpage – www.apicdfw.org</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 2:41 PM</p>	