



The Clinical TMS Society
TMS Training Committee Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2025 @ 5pm ET / 4pm CT / 3pm MT / 2pm PT US
7pm Brazil
10pm BST London
Friday, December 19, 2025 @ 9am AEDT Australia
6am SST Singapore

Training Committee Roll Call | Attended | Did Not Attend |

Co-Chair	Leo Chen, PhD, MPsych, FRANZCP, MBBS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Co-Chair	Albert Leung, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member	Mowafak Abdelghani, MD	<input type="checkbox"/>	Member	Rebecca Allen, MD, MPH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member	Michelle Bernabe, RN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Habenom Gedey, MD	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member	Christina Hughes, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member	Martha Koo, MD, DFAPA, FASAM	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member	Carlos Lowel, DO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member	Phern-Chern Tor, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Member	Ted Edmond Williams, MD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Member	Rick Sethi, MD	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Voting Member	Linda Carpenter,	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Voting Member	Michelle Cochran, MD, DLFAPA, FCTMSS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Voting Member	Mehmet Dokucu, MD, PhD, DFAPA	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Voting Member	Samir Ibrahim, OAM, MBCHB, MPsych, FRANZCP, FCTMSS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Non-Voting Member	Izio Klein, MD	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Voting Member	Fatma Wafy, MBBCh, MSc	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-Voting Member	Charles Weber, DO	<input type="checkbox"/>			
President	Josh Brown, MD, PhD	<input type="checkbox"/>	Vice President	Tracy Barbour, MD	<input type="checkbox"/>

Guests & Staff

Staff: Jessi Maurer, Amy Baxmann

Guests: None

Dr. Chen called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm (ET)

Review November Meeting Minutes for approval- The Committee reviewed the minutes.

There was a motion to approve the November Meeting Minutes, Seconded, Approved.

New Business

- Committee members are reminded to submit needed documentation to continue committee service through the 2026-2027 committee year by December 31, 2025.
 - See emails sent from Jessi Maurer on 11/10/2025 and 12/9/2025 for instructions and document links.

Unfinished Business

- No unfinished business

Taskforce/Sub-Committee Updates

- **Pain Management Curriculum Taskforce** (Drs. Dokucu, Abdelghani, Hughes, Gedey, Leung)
 - Singapore course
 - Ongoing monthly meetings and preparations.
 - Six registered so far.
 - Strong vendor participation confirmed, with approximately six vendors involved.
 - Boston course
 - Scheduled for the day before the Annual Meeting, June 4, 2026.
 - Full day of the course with hands-on vendor training planned.
 - Future planning
 - Exploring a fall 2026 Pain Academy course in San Diego, aligned with the American Society of Anesthesiologists meeting.
 - UC San Diego venues being explored to reduce costs.
 - Upcoming newsletter article featuring the Pain Academy and faculty.
- **TMS Training, Structure & Content Sub-Committee** (Drs. Hughes, Leung, Ibrahim, Abdelghani)
 - The committee agreed to merge this sub-committee with the Pathway Application task force. Remove from future agendas.
- **Pathway Application for Domestic and International Courses Taskforce** (Drs. Hughes, Tor, Abdelghani)
 - Pathway proposal approved by the Board of Directors.
 - The pathway is now active and intended for geographic and topic-specific courses.
 - Plans to:
 - Pilot the pathway with the Asian Special Interest Council.
 - Determine where the pathway will live on the website.
 - Improve awareness of the pathway among members and external stakeholders.
 - Agreement that pathway information should be shared via:
 - Website

- Society newsletter.

ACTION – Jessi Maurer to send pathway documents to committee members.

ACTION – Dr. Hughes will coordinate pathway placement through website task force participation. She will also draft explanatory text for the website and newsletter.

- **Advanced / Masterclass and Technician Training Task Force** (Drs. Carpenter, Chen, Hughes, Koo)
 - Task force reviewed multiple structural models and is leaning toward:
 - PULSES core track.
 - PULSES advanced track.
 - A separate TMS masterclass.
 - Next step is to draft proposed curriculums.
 - Rationale:
 - Growing volume and complexity of TMS content.
 - Need to serve both new and experienced clinicians.
 - Committee recommendations:
 - Avoid over-fragmentation of content.
 - Ensure core course equips attendees to interpret and follow emerging evidence.
 - Advanced offerings should address real-world clinical challenges and non-standard indications.
 - Considerations raised:
 - Whether prerequisites should exist for advanced or masterclass courses.
 - How to define eligibility without over-policing access.
 - Additional discussion:
 - Discussion on the importance of teaching clinicians:
 - How to evaluate TMS evidence.
 - How levels of evidence differ across disciplines.
 - Concern noted that inconsistent outcome evidence frameworks across courses may cause confusion.
 - Proposal to:
 - Develop a more consistent approach to presenting outcome evidence across training programs.
 - Include an early or mid-course session in PULSES on how to read and interpret the literature.
 - Discussion on interdisciplinary and international expansion:
 - Training programs viewed as a key driver for:

- Attracting non-psychiatric clinicians (e.g., pain, rehabilitation)
 - Growing international engagement.
- Interest expressed in developing additional specialty-focused mini-courses using the pathway.

- **TMS Training & Education Promotion and Feedback Sub-Committee** (Dr. Leung)
 - Outreach underway with regional professional societies.
 - Website links and updated curricula shared with groups in Taiwan and Hong Kong.

- **PULSES Update**
 - 25 registrants for Singapore.
 - 7 registrants for Boston.
 - Faculty teams assigned to review and update lecture content for accuracy and currency.

Next Zoom meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2026 @ 5pm ET / 4pm CT / 3pm MT / 2pm PT / 7pm Brazil / 10pm BST London, and Friday, January 23, 2025 @ 9am AEDT Australia / 6am SST Singapore

Adjournment- Dr. Chen adjourned the meeting at 5:54pm (ET)