

PMI Dallas News & Updates | July 2026

From the President | Kimia Penton

As we move through the summer season, I hope you're enjoying opportunities to spend meaningful time with family and friends and making the most of everything this season has to offer. Summer is always a wonderful time to reconnect with our communities, explore new experiences, and enjoy the relationships that matter most. I'm continually grateful to be part of such a vibrant PMI Dallas Chapter, where our members and volunteers create an environment of learning, collaboration, and support throughout the year.

A heartfelt thank you to our outstanding volunteers for organizing such a fantastic lineup of events throughout the summer. From our Networking Happy Hours, Coffee & Community gatherings, and breakfast meetings to our dinner events and engaging virtual sessions, your dedication has created meaningful opportunities for learning, connection, and collaboration. I'd also like to thank each of our members for your enthusiastic participation and engagement. It is your curiosity, generosity, and willingness to share your experiences that make every event valuable and continue to strengthen our professional community. As you plan your Fall calendar, don't forget to register early for our Professional Development Day on September 26 to take advantage of our Early Bird pricing. We have an exceptional lineup of keynote speakers, industry experts, and panel discussions planned, along with a full day of educational sessions designed to help you grow your skills while earning valuable PDUs.



As July begins, I encourage you to take time to rest, reflect, and recharge alongside your professional goals. The strongest leaders recognize the importance of pausing to gain perspective and reconnect with what matters most before taking on new opportunities. On behalf of our Board of Directors, thank you for being such an important part of the PMI Dallas community. Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, joyful, and memorable Fourth of July and a wonderful month ahead. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events this summer and throughout the exciting months to come.

Sincerely,

Kimia Penton
President, PMI Dallas

Monthly Dinner Meeting: July 09, 2026
Why 80% of AI Projects Fail: A Project Manager's Guide to
Governing the New Age AI

Join PMI Dallas on July 9 for a virtual dinner meeting exploring why many AI projects fail and what project managers can do differently.

Speaker Dushyant Sengar will share practical guidance on governing agentic AI systems, managing risk, defining clear success criteria, and building human-in-the-loop checkpoints that support responsible AI adoption.

Date: July 9, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Location: Virtual, Zoom Conference

The graphic features the PMI Dallas logo at the top left. The main title is "WHY 80% OF AI PROJECTS FAIL: A PROJECT MANAGER'S GUIDE TO GOVERNING THE NEW AGE AI". Below the title is a circular portrait of Dushyant Sengar. An orange box on the left contains the text "Summer Virtual Dinner series". At the bottom right, a blue box contains a person icon and the name "Dushyant Sengar".

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North Texas Project Management Conference 2026

The graphic features the PMI Dallas Chapter logo at the top left. The main title is "North Texas Project Management Conference 2026" with the tagline "Future-ready leadership starts here." Below the title, it lists the date "September 26, 2026" and the location "UNT Frisco". A keynote speaker box features a portrait of Tammy Huddleston, VP, Design, Code & Construction at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, with the theme "Transforming Travel through Strategic Project Management". At the bottom, it states "Registration Open" with an "Early Bird: \$185 before Aug 15" and "Group savings for 3+". A large yellow button on the right says "Register Now >".

Future-ready leadership starts here.

Join PMI Dallas for the North Texas Project Management Conference 2026, a full day of professional development, future-focused learning, and high-impact networking in partnership with UNT Frisco.

This year's conference is designed for project professionals who are ready to grow, adapt, and lead in a fast-changing business environment.

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Location: UNT Frisco, 12995 Preston Rd, Frisco, TX 75033

Register Now

New Member Orientation | July 6, 2026

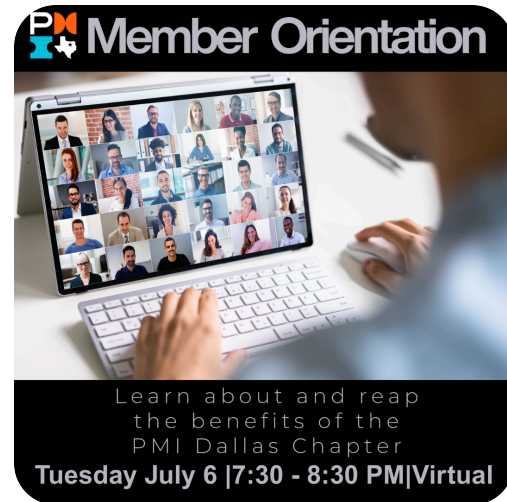
New to PMI Dallas or thinking about joining? This is your starting point.

Discover how to plug into events and volunteer opportunities, and leave with a practical plan for accelerating your professional growth. Connect with fellow members and get your questions answered live.

Don't miss out!

Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM CT



Start Today

Build Confidence with PMI Dallas Toastmasters July 18, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Join PMI Dallas Toastmasters for a free virtual meeting focused on improving prepared speaking, impromptu communication, and professional confidence.

Cost: Free

PDU: 2 total

Date: Saturday July 18, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM CT

Location: Zoom



Save Your Spot!

Coffee and Community July 25, 2026

Start up your day with great conversation, fresh connections, and the energy of the PMI Dallas community at our upcoming Coffee and Community

Date: Saturday, July 25, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM- 10:30 AM

Location: La Madeleine Las Colinas |
6430 N MacArthur Blvd.

Irving, TX 75039

Cost: Free

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Coffee and Community

Start your Saturday with coffee and connection.

This month in Irving

Saturday, July 25, 2026

9:00 AM to 10:30 AM

6430 N MacArthur Blvd. Irving, TX 75039

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Volunteer Spotlight: July 2026

PMI Dallas proudly celebrates Nida Sabeel, our July 2026 Volunteer of the Month!

Nida Sabeel is a digital marketing professional with three years of experience in marketing, content strategy, and visual communications. A Kellogg School of Management certified digital marketer, she enjoys combining creativity with analytics to design engaging content, build compelling visual experiences, and use data to drive marketing decisions. She joined the PMI Dallas Communications team in September 2025 as Visual Design Director, where she supports initiatives that strengthen member engagement and elevate the chapter's brand.



Beyond PMI Dallas, Nida volunteers with the American Red Cross as a Digital Marketing Analyst at the national level and as a Digital Content Creator for the North Texas Region, supporting volunteer recruitment and community engagement through marketing and data insights. She is passionate about continuous learning, project leadership, and using marketing to create meaningful impact through service

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Virtual Lunch and Learn The PMO Is Evolving. Are You?

Sabrina is the author of Building PMOs That Work and partners with executive teams to translate strategy into measurable results.

The PMO failure rate has been cited for over a decade. The number has not improved. Not because project management is broken -- but because most PMOs are still running a model designed for a world that no longer exists.

This session challenges PMO leaders and practitioners to examine the gap between the PMO they were trained to build and the one their organizations actually need now. We will look at what the job market is already signaling, what AI is changing about the function, why the data-readiness problem is a PMO problem, not an IT problem, and what the shift from administrator to strategist actually requires.

This is not a session about frameworks. It is a session about decisions.

Date: July 31, 2026
Time: 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM CT
Format: Virtual | Zoom Cost: Free



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LUNCH & LEARN

On July 31st, I'm teaming up with PMI Dallas to share:
The PMO Is Evolving. Are You?

with Sabrina Poteat

July 31, 2026 | 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

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PMWJ Book Review – July 2026



3 PMI Dallas chapter members were published in the June edition of the PM World Journal. The PMWJ is read by project management leaders across more than 100 countries, and our members showed up in a powerful way. Please take a moment to read their work and celebrate what this community continues to build together.

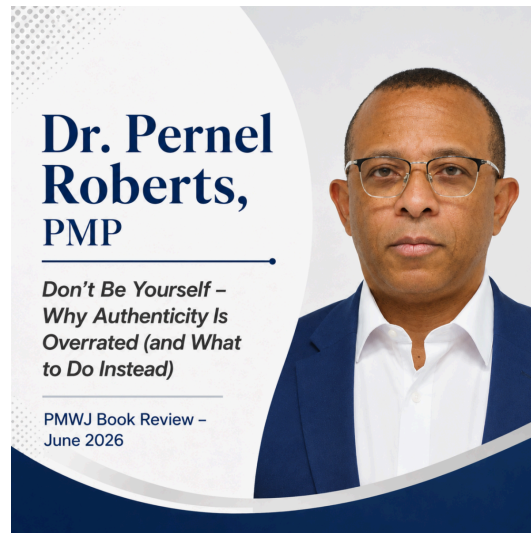


Diana Owens, PMP

AI Project Power: Reimagining Your Role in the Age of AI

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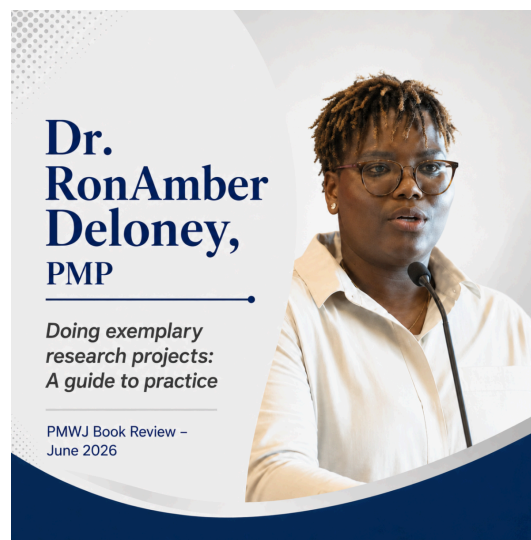


Dr. Pernel Roberts, PMP

Don't Be Yourself – Why Authenticity Is Overrated (and What to Do Instead)

PMWJ Book Review – June 2026

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