

# USA Swimming Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2025/Frisco, TX

1 **PRESENT**

2 Maya Andrews, Katy Arris-Wilson, Jack Bauerle, Kenneth Chung, Billy Doughty, Nic Fink (virtual),  
3 Kathy Fish, Brent Lang, Caitlin Leverenz Smith, Kate Lundsten, Sabir Muhammad (virtual),  
4 Kathleen Prindle, Kevin Ring, Andrew Seliskar, Michelle Steinfeld.

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6 **NOT PRESENT**

7 Chris Brearton, Katie Playko.

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9 **GUESTS**

10 Tristan Formon, Clark Hammond, Melissa Hellervik-Bing, Jennifer LaMont, Michael Lawrence,  
11 Jamie Platt, Bob Staab, Tom Ugast.

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13 **STAFF**

14 Elaine Calip, Paula D’Amico, Liz Hahn, Cory Hilliard, Jake Grosser, Greg Meehan, Patrick Murphy,  
15 Derek Paul, Joel Shinofield, Kirsten Victor, Nikki Warner.

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17 **CLOSED SESSION**

18 **BOARD CHAIR WELCOME**

19 The Board began in Closed Session with Board Chair, Brent Lang, providing a welcome and  
20 introduction to the Board and Chief Executive Officer, Kevin Ring.

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22 **CEO UPDATE TO THE BOARD**

23 Mr. Ring provided an update to the Board.

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25 **OPEN SESSION**

26 The Board reconvened in Open Session.

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28 **CALL TO ORDER**

29 Mr. Lang called the December 8, 2025 Board of Directors meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Central  
30 Time.

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32 **CEO WELCOME & UPDATE**

33 Mr. Ring opened the meeting by welcoming the new Chief Financial Officer, Cory Hilliard. Mr.  
34 Ring then shared an overview of his first 90 days as USA Swimming’s Chief Executive Officer,  
35 highlighting key stakeholders he has met and notable events he has attended.

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37 Mr. Ring discussed the Foundation’s efforts to support funding for USA Swimming’s operations  
38 as the organization prepares for LA2028. Mr. Ring also celebrated recent Foundation  
39 achievements, including record funding for the Donor Athlete Partnership Program and the  
40 success of the 2025 Golden Goggle Awards.

41 Mr. Ring spoke about developing a strategic plan by the Board and staff for approval in 2026,  
42 which will serve as the foundation for a quadrennial plan. Mr. Ring outlined critical priorities such  
43 as strengthening membership, sustaining leadership and athlete support, expanding  
44 participation in the sport, and optimizing USA Swimming’s organizational and financial health.  
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46 Finally, Mr. Ring expressed his enthusiasm for the next phase of USA Swimming and shared the  
47 sense of privilege he feels in his role, given the organization’s impact on the sport and its athletes.  
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49 **RULES OF ENGAGEMENT/PROTOCOL**

50 Mr. Lang presented the Rules of Engagement for the Board.  
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52 **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST (2.5.4)**

53 *“Is any member aware of any conflict of interest (that is, of a personal interest or direct or indirect*  
54 *pecuniary interest) in any matter being considered by this meeting, which should now be reported*  
55 *or disclosed or addressed under the USA Swimming Conflict of Interest Policy?”*  
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57 If a Board member determines there to be a conflict of interest at any point during the course of  
58 the meeting when a specific subject is being discussed and/or action is being taken, a declaration  
59 of a conflict of interest should be made at that time.  
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61 Sabir Muhammad disclosed his son is a member of the National Team.  
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63 **CONSENT AGENDA**

64 **MOTION:** *To approve the following Consent Agenda items (Attachments 2- 9):*

- 65 a) *Draft September 25, 2025 Board Minutes*
- 66 b) *Draft November 3, 2025 Board Minutes*
- 67 c) *CEO Monitoring Report*
- 68 d) *MR 3.4 Financial Conditions and Activities (Internal)*
- 69 e) *MR 3.6 Financial Planning and Budgeting (Annual Forecast)*
- 70 f) *Postponement of approval of 2026 Budget and CEO’s Annual Compensation Review*
- 71 g) *Foundation Board Member Appointments*
- 72 h) *Foundation Board Chair Appointment*

73 *Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*  
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75 **VICE CHAIR CANDIDATES**

76 Mr. Lang presented the nominees for the two Board Vice-Chair positions.  
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78 **MOTION:** *To elect Caitlin Leverenz Smith as Board Vice-Chair, for a two-year term. Seconded.*  
79 *Motion passed unanimously.*  
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81 **MOTION:** *To elect Katy Arris-Wilson as Board Vice-Chair Fiscal Oversight, for a two-year term.*  
82 *Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*  
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84 **BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

85 Mr. Lang presented the nominees for various USA Swimming National Committees.

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87 **MOTION:** *To appoint the following to National Committees:*

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- 89 • *Mark Tucci to the Investment Committee*
- 90 • *Kate Lundsten to the Nominating Committee*

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92 *Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

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94 **FINANCE UPDATE**

95 Kenneth Chung, Vice-Chair Fiscal Oversight, noted that all financial details had been included in  
96 the documents provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

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98 **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

99 Kathy Fish presented the Governance Committee’s list of issues under review, starting with high-  
100 priority items such as Board awareness, member feedback, building trust and transparency, and  
101 the structure and operations of the Local Swimming Committees (LSCs). Ms. Fish additionally  
102 outlined the remaining priorities for the committee.

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104 **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE UPDATE**

105 Ms. Fish stated that the Executive Compensation Committee (ECC) is developing a charter to  
106 better define the CEO’s compensation framework based on established performance  
107 assessments.

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109 **SAFE SPORT UPDATE**

110 Liz Hahn, Director, Safe Sport, presented an overview of Safe Sport case data, noting that in the  
111 third quarter there were 147 cases reported. Additionally, Ms. Hahn shared high-level statistics  
112 on open cases currently being handled by both the Center and USA Swimming staff.

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114 **TECH UPDATE**

115 Patrick Murphy, Managing Director, Technology & Data, gave a brief update on core technology  
116 initiatives, noting that version 1 of the mobile app is scheduled for beta testing at the end of  
117 February and that efforts are underway to monetize data sharing with external vendors. Mr.  
118 Murphy also reported that the organization achieved an 87% positive customer satisfaction score  
119 across its software product lines, based on the continuous customer satisfaction feedback  
120 provided by members in fall 2025.

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122 **NATIONAL TEAM UPDATE**

123 Greg Meehan, Managing Director, National Team, shared updates on National Team (NT) site  
124 visits, noting that these visits have been valuable for fostering a positive culture among NT  
125 athletes and coaches. Mr. Meehan also provided staff updates, including the addition of Bruce

126 Gemmell as a consultant for Open Water and upcoming new hires to strengthen the National  
127 Team performance staff.

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129 **CLOSED SESSION**

130 **LITIGATION UPDATE**

131 The Board went into Closed Session so Michelle Steinfeld, Secretary & General Counsel, could  
132 provide a litigation update.

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134 **U.S. CENTER FOR SAFESPORT UPDATE**

135 Ms. Steinfeld delivered an update regarding the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

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137 **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

138 Mr. Chung provided a risk management update.

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140 **OPEN SESSION**

141 The Board came out of closed session to approve the payments below for the CEO to make in  
142 January 2026.

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144 **MOTION:** *To approve the following CEO payments in January of 2026:*

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- 146 • *Payroll for January*
- 147 • *December Membership Activity to LSCs*
- 148 • *Insurance Premium Payments & Broker Fees*
- 149 • *Club Excellence*
- 150 • *LA2028 Tickets*

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152 *Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.*

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154 **CLOSED SESSION**

155 **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

156 The Board went back into Closed Session to conduct an Executive Session; all members of the  
157 staff left the meeting except for Mr. Ring.

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159 **EXECUTIVE SESSION – BOARD ONLY**

160 The Board remained in Closed Session to continue conducting an Executive Session; Mr. Ring left  
161 the meeting.

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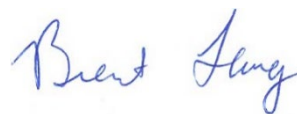
163 **ADJOURNMENT**

164 Mr. Lang adjourned the December 8, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors at 12:30 p.m.  
165 Central Time.

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167 Respectfully submitted:

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Michelle Steinfeld, Secretary and General Counsel

Brent Lang, Board Chair

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