

USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council Minutes

August 26, 2026 / Virtual Meeting

Present: Phoebe Bacon, Gunnar Bentz, Topher Bishop Nic Fink, Lilly King, Katie Meili Playko, Olivia Tighe, Josie Uerling, and Alex Walsh

Absent: Carson Foster, Caitlin Leverenz Smith, and Allison Schmitt

Guests: Aubrey Brick, Corey Manley, Greg Meehan, Stacy Michael-Miller, Derek Paul, Michelle Steinfeld, and Kim Williams

Call to Order: Lilly King called the August 26, 2026, meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) to order at 11:02 AM MST.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: none

Agenda:

- New staff introduction – *Michelle Steinfeld*
 - Aubrey Brick has joined the staff from the USOPC
 - Role: Compliance, Governance and Selection Procedures
- Pan Pacific Championship Review: *Greg Meehan*
 - Greg provided an overview of the Pan Pacific Championships
 - Discussed the intention behind selecting this team a year in advance
 - Discussion regarding role of Greg, Kim and Yuri on these trips and the decision to have one head coach on the coaching staff
 - Reviewed training camp location
 - Athletes shared their takeaways from the competition
 - Discussion on options for arrival in training camp and captain elections
 - Opportunity to engage with partner was very productive
 - Greg provided an update on 2026-2027 National Team Roster
- AAC Meeting Minutes Approval – *Lilly King*
 - Motion to approve minutes: Lilly King
 - Second: Katie Meili Playko
 - Approval: unanimously approved 6-0
- AAC Election Updates – *Lilly King*
 - Nic, Allison and Carson's seats are up for re-election
 - Reach out to potentially interested candidates
- Reminder to register for Summit by Friday

Next Meeting: September 26, 2026 8:30-10:00am at Summit

Adjournment: Lilly King adjourned the August 26, 2026, meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council at 11:42 AM MST.