

USA Swimming Athletes' Advisory Council Minutes

September 26, 2026 / In Person Meeting

Present: Lilly King (Chair), Phoebe Bacon, Gunnar Bentz, Topher Bishop, Nic Fink, Katie Meili Playko, Caitlin Leverenz Smith, Olivia Tighe, Josie Uerling, and Alex Walsh

Absent: Carson Foster and Allison Schmitt

Guests: Aubrey Brick, Emily Carwell, Bryce Elser, Greg Meehan, Stacy Michael-Miller, Kevin Ring, Andrew Seliskar, Ann Senn, Michelle Steinfeld, and Kim Williams

Call to Order: Lilly King called the meeting of the Athletes' Advisory Council (AAC) to order at 8:34 AM MST.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Agenda:

- Protect College Sports Act - *Emily Carwell* (USOPC Global Engagement & Gov Affairs)
 - Emily provided an overview of the Protect College Sports Act
 - Discussed NIL limits, scholarship/roster requirements, 5-year eligibility changes, and sports broadcasting provisions
 - Discussed the potential impact on non-Power 4 athletic departments
 - Discussed next steps and the anticipated timeline for implementation within collegiate sports programs if Congress approves the Act
 - Discussed the potential impact if a 20% international student-athlete scholarship limit were to be placed on collegiate teams in the future. This is not included in the current draft of the Protect College Sports Act
- 2027 World Cup - *Greg Meehan*
 - Discussed October 2027 World Cups and potential athlete by name qualification in the new 50s of stroke for LA28

CLOSED SESSION

- Pan American Aquatics - *Greg Meehan*
 - Discussed the 2027 Pan Am Aquatics Championships and the 2027 Pan Am Games

Adjournment: Lilly King adjourned the September 26, 2026 AAC meeting at 10:30 AM MST.