

USA Swimming Coach Advisory Council Committee Minutes

September 9, 2026 / Virtual meeting

Attendance

Present: Jamie Bloom, Shawn Smith, Abi Liu, Marco Greico, Pete Raykovich, Terry Stoddard, Michael Lawrence, Jeremy Linn, Scott Goldblatt, Alexis Keto, Chrissy Gentry, Kristine Julian, Tim Bauer

Absent:

Guests: Joel Shinofield (USA Swimming Staff), Adriana Quirke (USA Swimming Staff), Terry Jones (USA Swimming Staff), Mark Hesse (USA Swimming Staff), Beth Winkowski (USA Swimming Staff), Marcia Callan

Call to Order

Jamie Bloom called the September 9, 2026 meeting of the Coach Advisory Council to order at 10:04 a.m. Mountain Time.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure

No new conflicts of interest were disclosed.

Approval of Agenda

September 9, 2026

- Call to Order
- Conflict of Interest Disclosure
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Previous Minutes
- Reports
 - USA Swimming Staff Liaison Update
 - National Team Director Update
- Old Business
 - Age Group Excellence follow-up, if necessary
 - Pillar reports and action-plan updates: Clubs, Coaches, Communications, and Fast (Elite) Swimming.
 - Meet contracts and meet hosts follow-up.
- Annual Summit and House of Delegates Preparation

- Delegate registration and coach-voter outreach update.
- CAC delegate coordination, Denver arrival schedules, and CAC meeting time.
- Final review of 2026 House of Delegates legislation.
- Coach Track workshop schedule and final logistics.
- Governance Initiatives
 - LSC Review Task Force update.
 - Fifth Coach Seat on the Board of Directors.
 - National Events Calendar Project.
- New Business
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Motion: Approve the agenda as presented.

Moved by: Shawn Smith

Seconded by: Alexis Keto

Vote: Unanimous consent

Approval of Previous Minutes

The committee reviewed the August 10, 2026 meeting minutes.

Motion: Approve minutes as presented.

Moved by: Terry Stoddard

Seconded by: Shawn Smith

Vote: Unanimous consent

Reports

National Team Director Update

Presenter: Adriana Quirke

- The 2026-27 National Team and National Junior Team were announced.
- The international summer concluded with team awards at Pan Pacific Championships and Junior Pan Pacific Championships.
- The Open Water Junior World Championships team earned seven medals.
- National Team onboarding and Golden Goggles are the next priorities.
- Planning was underway for Short Course World Trials to select the team for Short Course Worlds in Beijing.

USA Swimming Staff Liaison Update

Presenter: Joel Shinofield

- USA Swimming is preparing for the Annual Summit and House of Delegates.
- Coach registration and voting-delegate outreach remained a priority.

- Summer national events received strong participation and generally positive feedback.
- Senior Development and staff will review the impact of 50-meter events and the Futures entry process.

Reports

Summer National Events

- Discussion on the strong utilization of Futures and Summer Juniors.
- The Futures entry process was identified as burdensome for meet hosts and in need of operational and technology improvements.
- Discussion on regional access to Summer Juniors and the role of Futures in the national competition structure.

Legislation on the Non-Continuous Backstroke Rule

- Marcia Callan presented her individual proposal for an exception to the non-continuous backstroke rule at 12-and-under developmental meets.
- Discussion on the proposal's purpose, relationship to existing rules, and potential implementation considerations.
- No action was taken.

Age Group Excellence

- Chrissy reported increased interest in Age Group Excellence, particularly its recognition of teams' retention practices.
- No additional pillar or meet-contract updates were presented.

Annual Summit and House of Delegates Preparation

- Members reviewed delegate registration and coach-voter outreach.
- Shaun Smith recommended a repeatable annual process for timely registration communications.
- The committee discussed Denver travel coordination and an informal CAC gathering on Thursday morning.
- No additional comments were raised during the final review of 2026 House of Delegates legislation.

Governance Initiatives and 2028 National Events Calendar

- No LSC Review Task Force update was available; a Task Force Town Hall was scheduled for Thursday morning during the Annual Summit.
- Members discussed potential adjustments to the 2028 summer national events calendar in light of the Los Angeles Olympic and Paralympic Games.

- Discussion included championship opportunities for athletes, possible timing changes for Futures and Juniors, club engagement, and Southern California facility constraints.

Action Items

- Shaun Smith and Jamie Bloom will review updated delegate-registration information and conduct additional outreach to unregistered coach voters before the virtual registration deadline.
- USA Swimming staff will distribute the Annual Summit committee-meeting schedule to the CAC.

Other Business

- No additional business was raised.

Announcements

- Please send Scott Goldblatt members' Denver travel plans and preferred committee meeting attendance plans.

Adjournment

Jamie Bloom adjourned the September 9, 2026 meeting of the Coach Advisory Council at 11:14 a.m. Mountain Time.

Next Meeting

Date: October 14, 2026
Time: 10am Mountain time
Format: Virtual

These minutes were prepared in accordance with USA Swimming committee governance guidelines.