

USA Swimming LSC Development Committee Minutes
August 5, 2026, Virtual Meeting

Present: Mary Ellen Tynan, Chair; Stacy Christie; Bruno Darzi; Savannah Gurley (Athlete); Kase Reckling (Athlete); Lynne Shine; Bob Staab; Emily Swett; Joe Zemaitis

Absent: Tristan Cross; Bella Levin (Athlete); Ann Kramer; Jane Grosser; Eric Stimson

Guests: Gracie Mensay

Call to Order: Mary Ellen Tynan called August 5, 2026, meeting of the LSC Development Committee to order at 5:15 PM EDT.

Mission Statement: To support LSCs through shared communication of available resources.

Conflict of Interest Disclosure: None

Agenda: [Agenda](#)

Minutes: July 1, 2026, Minutes accepted as presented.

Announcements: None

Discussion:

- LEAP Working Group – Bob Staab reported
 - Reviewed status of LEAP Process
 - Question: Can an LSC that is scheduled for next year start now? Gracie responded that the 2027 cycle will probably open in November.
- Communication Working Group – Stacy Christie reported
 - Meeting took place via email communication
 - No additional suggestions for panel group at Summit (4 LSCs that are doing great things to address Four Pillars)
 - Per Gracie, Summit Track Titles and Descriptions have been sent to Marketing. Should be publicized soon.
 - Stacy sent out (on behalf of LSC Development Committee) a reminder email to all LSCs regarding registration and listing of delegates to Summit. Deadline is August 15. As of this morning, 35 LSCs were still outstanding.
- Governance Working Group – Lynne Shine reported
 - The Governance Working Group did not meet in July. Awaiting clarification responses from Rules & Regs and Legal. Will reach out to see if a paralegal can be assigned to the task.
 - Will start new projects in August
- USA Swimming LSC Task Force Update – Gracie Mensay reported
 - The LSC Task Force presented a status document to the USA Swimming BOD at their recent meeting.
 - The Chairman of the Board, Brent Lang, sent out an email to all LSCs outlining their purpose and present status.

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New Business:

- LSC Issue: Teams are getting shut out of meets in their LSCs, what are some ideas / suggestions for encouraging an open market system?
 - Discussion ensued, will continue at next meeting
- Summit - Proposed Legislation
 - R-1: exception for 12 & U regarding the continuous turn rules – committee voted unanimously in the negative
 - R-2: remove requirement for signature on approved sanction application – committee voted unanimously in the affirmative
 - R-3: waiver of 60-day rule when athlete competing internationally – there was some confusion regarding the wording and the exact intent / meaning – no vote taken
 - R-4: to clarify that paying a reentry fee for a penalty alleviates the need to declare an intent to swim – committee voted unanimously in the affirmative
 - R-9: to require the same LSC Board qualifications as the USA Swimming Board qualifications – committee felt additional clarifications were needed – vote was unanimously in the negative

Adjournment: Mary Ellen Tynan adjourned August 5, 2026, meeting of the LSC Development Committee at 6:25 PM EDT.

Next LSC Development Committee Meetings – Wednesday, September 2, 2026, at 5:15 PM EDT (Virtual), and Saturday, September 26, 2026, at 9:30 AM MT (In person @ Summit)