



**USA Judo Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2025, via Teleconference**

Attendees: Ari Berliner
Jeffrey Brentley
Joon Chi
Jerry Cypert
Ari Miller
Gerry Navarro
Joe Ragan
Nicole Stout

Counsel: Laura Peeters

USA Judo Staff: Corinne Shigemoto, CEO
Bill Kellick, Board Secretary/Communications and Marketing Manager
Ed Liddie, Director of High Performance

- I. At 2:15 pm MST, a quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order.
- II. Mr. Ragan asked to add an agenda item requested by Ms. Peeters and addressed in item IV below. No objections were noted.
- III. Mr. Ragan called for any disclosures of conflict of interest. None were stated
- IV. Discussion was held on the ratification of Ms. Shigemoto's contract, the appointment of Ethics & Grievance Committee, termination of previous counsel and hiring of new counsel, entering into the Quick Groups contract and authorizing the release of funds to pay for certain expenses stemming from a trip to Brazil for a dual meet. Motion made by Ms. Stout to ratify all, seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.
- V. Ms. Stout made a motion to approve the February 23, 2025, meeting minutes with the addition of the statement that board members were not given the names of coach candidates for the U.S. Performance Center, seconded by Mr. Berliner. Approval of minutes passed unanimously, 8-0.
- VI. Ms. Shigemoto and Ms. Peeters gave an update on the USOPC demand letter and compliance investigation. Next deadline is March 10.
- VII. Ms. Shigemoto gave a CEO update on filling the finance director position, USOPC endowment and prize money for Senior Nationals.
- VIII. Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the Athlete Performance Committee (Ed Liddie, Gerry Navarro, Angie Delgado, Jim Hrbek, Marti Malloy, Ari Miller, Danny Rodriguez and Marc Vink) as named, seconded by Mr.

Navarro. Discussion was held. Mr. Cypert made a motion to table the topic until the next board meeting, seconded by Mr. Berliner. Motion to table passed unanimously, 8-0.

- IX. Discussion was held on approval of Albert Bordas as the independent representative on Nominating & Governance Committee. Mr. Cypert made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Chi. Motion passed 4-2 with two recusals (Mr. Brentley and Mr. Navarro). Ms. Stout and Mr. Berliner voted against the motion.
- X. Discussion was held on the USOPC AAC Representative.
- XI. Discussion was held on the received committee minutes and reports.
- XII. Next meeting scheduled for March 22 at 8 am MST.
- XIII. Mr. Cypert motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brentley. Meeting adjourned at 4:02 pm MST.