



**USA Judo Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2025 – 2:00 p.m. MDT
via teleconference**

Attendees: Ron Tripp, Chair
Ari Berliner
Jeffrey Brentley
Joon Chi
Jerry Cypert
Angelica Delgado
Derek Glenn
Ari Miller
Joe Ragan
Nicole Stout-Berliner

Absent: Gerry Navarro
Maria Mutia

USA Judo Staff: Bill Kellick, Communications & Marketing Manager/Board Secretary
Laura Peeters, USA Judo Counsel

- I. At 2:01 pm MDT, a quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order.
- II. Ms. Peeters called for any conflict-of-interest disclosures based on the meeting agenda. Mr. Brentley disclosed that he was part of the Strategic Plan Task Force. Ms. Stout-Berliner disclosed that, as an athlete, she is affected by every decision at a governance level.
- III. The Board discussed the September 3 meeting minutes. Mr. Ragan made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Cypert. Mr. Berliner asked that it be noted in the September 3 minutes that, prior to the meeting entering executive session, he declared a conflict of interest, recused himself, and left the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Ms. Peeters reviewed the draft Board Member Affirmation and Agreement of Confidentiality Document. Discussion was held. Mr. Berliner motioned to table the discussion and forward the document to the NGC, seconded by Ms. Stout-Berliner. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Discussion was held on appointing Marc Vink as “interim” chair of Coach Education. Mr. Ragan made a motion to approve the appointment, seconded by Mr. Cypert. Discussion was held. Motion passed with Ms. Stout-Berliner and Mr. Berliner abstaining.

- VI. Bylaw Review - The following provisions of the Bylaws approved and/or authored by the Bylaw Task Force were reviewed by the Board so that they may be posted to the website for 30 days (as required in the Bylaws). The provisions themselves were not voted on for approval by the Board:
- Section 1 – Definitions (Discussion was held on the various definitions. An update was made to the definition of President. Approval of Definitions was passed with unanimous consent.)
 - Section 4 – Purpose was added back into the Bylaws – thus, no changes will be made to this section.
 - 7.6.d – Regional Directors (Mr. Cypert made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Ragan. Discussion was held and a roll call vote was called for. Motion passed 6-2 with two abstentions. Voting in the affirmative were Mr. Tripp, Mr. Cypert, Ms. Delgado, Mr. Glenn, Mr. Miller and Mr. Chi. Voting in the negative were Mr. Ragan and Ms. Stout-Berliner. Abstaining were Mr. Berliner and Mr. Brentley.
- VII. There was no New Business or Old Business to discuss.
- VIII. The next Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 6, at 2:00 pm MDT.
- IX. Mr. Ragan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Brentley. The motion passed unanimously.
- X. Meeting adjourned at 3:32 pm MDT.