



**USA Judo Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2026 – 2:00 p.m. MST  
via teleconference**

Attendees: Ron Tripp, Chair  
Ari Berliner  
Jeff Brentley  
Joon Chi  
Jerry Cypert  
Angelica Delgado  
Ari Miller  
Maria Liana Mutia  
Gerry Navarro  
Nicole Stout-Berliner

Absent: Derek Glenn  
Joe Ragan

USA Judo Staff: Bill Kellick, Director of Communications & Marketing/Board Secretary  
Corinne Shigemoto, Chief Executive Officer  
Laura Peeters, USA Judo Counsel  
David Patterson, USOPC Sr. Governance Advisor

- I. At 2:08 pm MST, 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. None were disclosed.
- III. Mr. Cypert made a motion to approve the January 5 minutes, seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion passed with Mr. Berliner abstaining.
- IV. Mr. Cypert made a motion to approve the January 22 minutes of the emergency board meeting held in executive session, seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion passed with Mr. Brentley and Mr. Berliner abstaining.
- V. Ms. Shigemoto addressed the approval of bylaw amendments posted on the USA Judo website. Mr. Cypert made a motion to table the topic, seconded by Mr. Brentley. Topic tabled until next meeting.
- VI. Gerry Navarro joined the call at 2:14 pm MST.

- VII. Ms. Shigemoto explained the USA Judo International Relations Policy. Discussion was held. The document received unanimous approval from the board and will be posted to the website and distributed to the membership.
- VIII. Ms. Shigemoto went over the process of approving committee appointments. Discussion was held. Mr. Cypert mentioned the Nominating and Governance Committee is on a 4-year cycle, which is why it needs to be addressed. Committees with appointments that need to be approved are: Kata, Veterans, Medical, Background Screening, Ethics and Nominating and Governance.
- IX. Meeting moved to executive session at 2:35 pm MST.
- X. Maria Mutia left the call at 2:57 pm MST.
- XI. Mr. Cypert made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by Mr. Brentley. Meeting exited executive session at 3:11 pm MST.
- XII. Mr. Cypert made a motion to accept the committee recommendations set forth below, seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion passed with Ms. Stout abstaining. The following committee appointments do not yet include athlete representation. Athlete reps will be seated by the Athletes Advisory Council at a later date.
  - Kata Committee
    - Diane Jackson
    - Barbara Shimuzu
    - Theodore Schwalm
    - Karen Whilden
  - Veterans Committee
    - Brad Daniels
    - Hector Negrón
    - Tracy (Crawford) Oldfather
    - Shandra Stevens
  - Medical Committee
    - Dr. Christina Yannetsos
    - Dr. Sandy North
    - Dr. Carlo Guardino
    - Dr. Robert Hines
  - Background Screening Committee
    - Rebekah Taylor
    - Ken Bellmard
  - Ethics and Grievance Committee
    - Julie Sommers
    - William Matsubara
    - Ann Shirashi
  - Nominating and Governance Committee
    - Albert Bordas

- Robert Harvey
- Leo White
- Donna Turk

XIII. Ms. Shigemoto gave the CEO report. A proposed donation to USA Judo from Five Finger Death Punch founder Zoltan Bathory was agreed to earlier in the month. A portion of the group's ticket sales will be directed to USA Judo, with the first payment in August and the balance in December.

USA Judo is in the middle of a SafeSport audit with some of SafeSport's new requirements.

Ron Hawthorne was elected as the Para Judo representative to the Athletes Advisory Council.

Talks continue with the US Judo Federation.

Ms. Shigemoto made a site visit for the 2026 PJC event hosted by the U.S. and is in the midst of negotiating contracts. A formal announcement will be made in the coming few weeks.

Ms. Shigemoto recently visited an adaptive athlete event in California and encouraged board members to attend the event next January.

XIV. Old Business. Ms. Stout requested additional information on all committees.

XV. There was no new business.

XVI. Next meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 10 (Executive Session only), at 4 pm MST, and Monday, March 2, at 2 pm MST.

XVII. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Cypert. With unanimous consent, the meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m. MST.