



**USA Judo Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2025 – 2:00 p.m. MDT  
via teleconference**

Attendees: Ron Tripp, Chair  
Ari Berliner  
Jeffrey Brentley  
Jerry Cypert  
Angelica Delgado  
Derek Glenn  
Ari Miller  
Maria Mutia  
Gerry Navarro  
Nicole Stout-Berliner

Absent: Joon Chi  
Joe Ragan

USA Judo Staff: Bill Kellick, Communications & Marketing Manager/Board Secretary  
Corinne Shigemoto, Chief Executive Officer  
Laura Peeters, USA Judo Counsel

- I. At 2:04 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. Ms. Stout-Berliner disclosed that, as an athlete, she believes she is affected by every decision at a governance level. Mr. Navarro disclosed that he is a coach and serves on the HP committee and is an event director.
- III. Ms. Stout-Berliner noted that the minutes from September 3 and 19 did not include necessary information that the Bylaws were approved to post but not approved by Board for adoption. The Board discussed and agreed that this was the intent. Mr. Cypert made a motion to amend the September 3 and September 19 meeting minutes to clarify that the Board approved the minutes for posting on the website, but did not approve the Bylaws for adoption, seconded by Ms. Stout-Berliner. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Dr. Tripp provided a report on his meeting with Dave Patterson, USOPC.
- V. Ms. Shigemoto provided an update on USOPC funding for 2026 and the USOPC Demand Letter – which is now complete.

- VI. At 2:29 p.m. Jerry Cypert made a motion to enter executive session to discuss candidates for the EGC, seconded by Jeff Brentley. Motion passed unanimously
- VII. At 2:32 p.m. the Board resumed open session. Mr. Cypert motioned to appoint Bill Matsubara to the EGC, seconded by Gerry Navarro. Motion passed with Ms. Stout-Berliner and Mr. Berliner abstaining.
- VIII. 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 6(a-g) were discussed. Mr. Cypert moved to adopt for publication such sections, seconded by Mr. Navarro. The motion passed with Ms. Stout-Berliner abstaining.
  - Section 8.6 term limits were discussed. Mr. Cypert moved to adopt for publication such section, seconded by Ms. Stout-Berliner. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Section 8.12 removal was tabled.
- IX. Board Confidentiality and Affirmation – Ms. Peeters reviewed the draft Board Member Agreement of Confidentiality and affirmation document. Discussion was held regarding the changes to the document and it was confirmed that the document was approved by the NGC. Mr. Cypert noted some small edits to the document (e.g., change Chair to President and using “and/or”). The Board discussed creating a similar document for committees. A roll call vote was taken, with all present Board members voting in the affirmative, Ms. Stout-Berliner voting no and Mr. Berliner and Ms. Mutia abstaining.
- X. There was no New Business or Old Business to discuss.
- XI. The next Board meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 3, at 2:00 pm MDT.
- XII. Mr. Tripp asked for unanimous consent to adjourn. Mr. Cypert made a motion to adjourn. There were no objections.
- XIII. Meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm MDT.