



**USA Judo Board of Directors Board Meeting Minutes
February 23, 2025, via Teleconference**

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

Counsel: Dawes Cooke
Laura Peeters

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

- I. At 11:46 am MST, a quorum was established.
- II. Mr. Ragan called for any conflict of interest disclosures. Mr. Berliner recuses himself from discussion of the Referee Committee and any potential assignments.
- III. Motion to approve February 16, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Ms. Stout, seconded by Mr. Miller. Approval of minutes passed unanimously.
- IV. Ms. Shigemoto and Ms. Peeters gave an update on the USOPC Demand Letter. The first deadline for material is Feb. 28 with a second deadline date of March 10.
- V. Mr. Liddie gave an update on the final stages of coach interviews for the USA Judo National Resident Program at the U.S. Performance Center in Charlotte, N.C. Target date of April 1 for the new coach to be in place at with the National Resident Team in Charlotte. Board members were not informed of the names of the coach candidates.
- VI. Mr. Cypert made a motion to approve the reinstatement of Barbara Shimizu and Steve Cohen 10+-year athlete) to the Referee Committee, seconded by Ms. Stout. Motion passed unanimously, 7-0, with Mr. Berliner recusing himself from discussion and voting.
- VII. Mr. Brentley made a motion for every committee to provide meeting minutes by close of business on March 6, including a report from the last year, goals and accomplishments, things that weren't accomplished and why they weren't to Ms. Shigemoto, seconded by Ms. Stout. Discussion was held. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- VIII. Mr. Miller. made a motion to accept the USA Judo Bylaws Committee (Gerry Navarro, Matthew Parker, Jim Hrbek, Ari Berliner, Jerry Cypert and Dr. Ron Tripp, with counsel Laura Peeters as advisor), seconded by Ms. Stout. Discussion was held. Motion passed unanimously, 8-0.

- IX. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the Ethics and Grievance Committee (Derrick Glenn, Ricky Torres, Matt Keener, Leilani Akiyama and Daniel Collins), seconded by Mr. Cypert. Discussion was held. Motion passed 5-0 with Ms. Stout, Mr. Berliner and Mr. Ragan abstaining.

- X. Next meeting scheduled for March 7 at 4pm EST.

- XI. Mr. Cypert motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Navarro. Meeting adjourned at 1:41 pm MST.