



USA Judo Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2025, Birmingham, Alabama

Attendees: Joe Ragan, Chair
Ari Berliner
Jeffrey Brentley
Joon Chi
Jerry Cypert
Derek Glenn (via Zoom)
Ari Miller
Maria Mutia (via Zoom)
Gerry Navarro
Nicole Stout
Ron Tripp (via Zoom)

USA Judo Staff: Corinne Shigemoto, CEO
Ed Liddie, Director of High Performance
Bill Kellick, Communications & Marketing Manager/Board Secretary
Laura Peeters, USA Judo Counsel (via Zoom)

- I. At 9:01 am CDT on May 23, a quorum was established and the meeting was called to order.
- II. Mr. Ragan called for any conflict-of-interest disclosures based on the meeting agenda. Mr. Navarro stated he works with Hatashita during the U.S. Open and is also a coach. Ms. Stout and Mr. Berliner announced they are elite athletes and may have a conflict on discussion pertaining to athletes.
- III. Ed Liddie introduced Israel Hernandez, who was in attendance. Mr. Hernandez is the new head coach of the USA Judo National Resident Team in Charlotte, N.C.
- IV. Motion to approve the April 28, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Mr. Cypert, seconded by Ms. Stout. Motion passed unanimously.
- V. Ms. Shigemoto provided a CEO Report, including a discussion of:
 - o A \$3,000 grant from the USOPC to help Judo become compliant with medical standards.

- Due date (July 3) for the grant process for high performance, international relations, etc.
 - January through September 2024 financials were provided to the board.
 - A pause on the PlayLA program due to compliance issues with participating coaches in regards to SafeSport, background screens, USA Judo membership and coach certification.
 - The National Collegiate Judo Association (NJCA) and reengagement with USA Judo.
 - New hire Aspen Shelton who has been hired to replace Austin Leath and support compliance issues.
 - The Pan American Judo Confederation (PJC) Congress in Lima, Peru, attended by Ms. Shigemoto and Mr. Navarro.
 - IJF Congress in Budapest, Hungary to be attended by Mr. Ragan, Mr. Tripp and Ms. Shigemoto. Ms. Shigemoto will also meet with the IJF Academy.
 - Looking for ways to improve and make events more memorable for attendees.
- VI. Ms. Shigemoto gave an update on USOPC demands and funding. She and Ms. Peeters are meeting with the USOPC every two weeks to answer questions and provide progress updates. The investigation portion is continuing.
- VII. Mr. Liddie provided a report on high performance. He discussed the current athlete ranking lists and athlete funding criteria, as well as an update on the USA Judo National Resident Team at the United States Performance Center in Charlotte, N.C.
- VIII. Ms. Shigemoto discussed proposed guidelines for the Board of Directors.
- IX. Old business was discussed, including athlete elections for seats on the board.
- X. New business included Mr. Chi recognizing U.S. referees Josh Cypert and Anna Marie Graham for achieving their IJF Level B referee certification in Tashkent.
- XI. Mr. Cypert made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Navarro. Meeting adjourned at 11:39 am CDT.