



Member, United States
Olympic & Paralympic Committee

USA Team Handball board meeting

Meeting minutes for the 30-Jul-2025 executive meeting

Board members in attendance

- Julia Taylor – vice-chair
- Chris Brase
- Andre Carter
- Andrew Donlin
- David Eldridge
- Evan Gitomer
- Patrick Jalabert – chair, acting as secretary

Board members excused

- Olga Chaikouskaya
- Jason Borchik

USATH Staff in attendance

- Michael King

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 11.05 am MT by Patrick Jalabert, chair. Mr. Jalabert thanked board members for joining, and reminded them that the focus of the meeting would be on the on-going hiring process for the men's senior National team staff.

Motion

A motion was made to conduct the meeting in executive session, and was duly seconded. Hearing no objections, the motion passed.

- Mr. Eldridge made some opening remarks, based on his experience and expertise, related to the fiduciary duties of board members.
- Mr. Carter provided a reminder on the confidentiality expectations related to information that board members are provided in order to fulfill their duties.
- Mr. Jalabert reminded the board of its role in this hiring process, to ensure procedural integrity in decision-making. The decision itself, as a staffing matter, was Mr. King's responsibility as CEO.

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- The board challenged Mr. King on specific items for clarification, in the spirit of fulfilling that obligation.
 - Mr. King emphasized the specific areas he was seeking during interviews of candidates, including the ability to curate a domestic player pool and placing athletes in clubs. Mr. King offered a breakdown of candidates that were interviewed and how they had met certain criteria.
 - Mr. Donlin offered the athlete's perspective, and highlighted the level of detail and diligence in a draft plan presented by the front-runner candidate. Mr. Donlin did, however, express the overall, collective Men's National team athletes' serious concerns about the front-runner candidate, and requested that more experienced candidates be considered for the role.
 - The board recommended a clear communication plan, and a well-defined set of goals and expectations for the staff that was to be on-boarded.

 - In closing, Mr. Jalabert noted that feedback from both the Center for SafeSport and the USOPC was expected shortly for board discussion.
 - Mr. Jalabert reminded board members that a CEO evaluation had been circulated with the expectation that all board members provide their feedback by August 10, 2025.

The board meeting was adjourned at 12.30 pm MT.