



USA Judo Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 6, 2025, via Teleconference – 4:00 p.m. MDT

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

Absent: Joon Chi  
Ari Miller

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

- I. At 4:03 pm MDT, a quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order.
- II. Discussion was held about board member email accounts. Ms. Shigemoto will check on the viability of having board email accounts.
- III. Mr. Ragan called for any conflict-of-interest disclosures. Ms. Stout and Mr. Berliner announced they are elite athletes and may have a conflict on discussion pertaining to athletes. Mr. Brentley disclosed that Chris Round was the person who nominated him for the board. Mr. Navarro divulged that he is on the High Performance Committee as well as a coach.
- IV. Motion to approve March 22, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Ms. Stout, seconded by Mr. Navarro. Mr. Brentley abstained from the vote. All others voted in favor and the Motion passed.
- V. Ms. Peeters discussed a meeting with USOPC AC earlier in the week. She also discussed three major elections that are coming up. 1. USA Judo Board election 2. Team USA AC

election. 3. USA Judo AAC election. Election announcements will be circulated to the board before elections are announced. A discussion ensued regarding the current USA Judo AAC, whose terms have expired. Ms. Shigemoto provided an update on her work with all committees pertaining to submitting meeting minutes, charters, etc. Discussion ensued.

- VI. Bylaw update. A proposal for a Bylaw change was presented with wording. A discussion ensued on the Bylaw Task Force. Further discussion on the proposal will be held during the Bylaw Task Force meeting.
- VII. Athlete committee assignments recommendations from NGC & AAC have been provided.
  - a. Rank & Certification – Gina Sullivan
  - b. Referee – Aleksandar Kchirian
  - c. Bylaws – Chris Round
  - d. Athlete Performance (HP) – Christopher Velazco
  - e. Nominating Committee – Chris RoundDiscussion ensued. Ms. Shigemoto announced that Matt Keener will leave the Ethics & Grievance Committee at the end of April, and his seat will need to be filled. She sent the names of candidates from the NGC via email to board members. Assignment approval tabled.
- VIII. Ms. Shigemoto provided an update regarding the Demand Letter and Compliance Investigation. She will provide updates to the Board as new information is obtained from the USOPC. USOPC funding may be at risk.
- IX. Ms. Shigemoto provided an update on her visit to the United States Performance Center in Charlotte (USPC). USPC has robust plans for expansion in the next 6-9 months, with a focus on the medical and testing side of the program. Additionally, Israel Hernandez will start as National Resident Team Head Coach on April 7 at the USPC.
- X. Next meeting scheduled for Friday, April 11, at 1 pm MDT.
- XI. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Cypert, seconded by Mr. Berliner. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm MDT.