

# USA Judo Athletes' Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** 3/13/2026 4:02 PM EST

**Minutes Recorder:**Christine Levine

**Quorum:** yes, 4 present, 2 absent

| <b>Attended</b>   | <b>Absent</b>              |
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| Angie Delgado<br>Christine Levine<br>Maria Mutia<br>Ron Hawthorne | Lincoln Han<br>Joshua Yang |

## Agenda Overview

- Nominate/Elect Athlete Representatives for the following committees:  
(\* indicates that one of the nominees must be a Para athlete)
  - Background Screen Committee (1)
  - Kata Committee (2)
  - Medical Committee (2)
  - Nominating & Governance\* (2)
  - Ethics and Grievance\* (2)
  - Veterans Committee (2)
  - Coach Committee (2)
  - Athlete Performance (2)
- Elect a Chair

Call to order: The meeting was called to order by Maria Mutia at 4:02 PM EST.

### Appointment of roles in the AAC

- Chairperson - Christine Levine - nominated by Angie Delgado, 2nd by Maria Mutia , unanimously approved

### Committees in need of Athlete Reps

- Kata Committee
  - Christine will reach out to Doug Newcomber and Jim Sternick (both current international kata competitors)
- Medical Committee
  - Christine will reach out to Ekaterina Petri (cardiac nurse and active veterans competitor)
- Coach Committee
  - Ron will reach out to Kai Wallace
- Nominating & Governance
  - Angelica was approached by Chris Round for a second term
- We will research the following committees and nominate via email along with additional candidates when 2 athletes are needed
  - Ethics and Grievance
  - Veterans Committee
  - Background Screen Committee

### Next Meeting

- Poll will be sent out to vote on athlete reps once we reach out to the athletes directly
- Elect a secretary

Meeting adjourned by Christine Levine and 2nd by Angie Delgado at 4:23 PM EST

## **Amendum**

Approved athlete reps for the following committees:

- Kata committee: Doug Newcomer (6 votes for, 0 against) and Joe Sternick (6 votes for, 0 against)
- Medical committee: Ekaterina Petri (6 votes for, 0 against), Chantal Wright (5 votes for, 0 against)
- Nominating & Governance: Chris Round (6 votes for, 0 against), Christella Gracie (6 votes for, 0 against)
- Ethics and Grievance: Yadira Thabatah (4 votes for)
- Veterans: Jeffery Poole (6 votes for, 0 against), Doug Tono (6 votes for, 0 against)