



USA Judo Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2025, Birmingham, Alabama

Attendees: Joe Ragan, Chair
Ari Berliner
Jeffrey Brentley
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

- I. At 3:53 pm CDT on May 24, a quorum was established and the meeting was called to order.
- II. Mr. Ragan called for any conflict-of-interest disclosures. Mr. Navarro indicated conflicts with items on the agenda pertaining to tournament directors and the incident at the Budokan tournament.
- III. Mr. Cypert made a motion to move into executive session, seconded by Mr. Tripp. The meeting entered executive session at 3:54 p.m. MDT.
- IV. Mr. Brentley made a motion to exit executive session, seconded by Ms. Stout. Meeting came out of executive session at 6:25 p.m. CDT with the following decisions:
 - After reviewing a recommendation from the Ethics & Grievance Committee regarding a physical altercation at the 2025 Budokan Invitational on February 8 between two coaches and a parent, and after reviewing video of the incident, Ms. Stout made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tripp, to suspend Anibal Roman (Roman Judo Club) for 1 year (from date of incident) and put Danny

Rodriguez (Chief Pride Judo) on probation for 1 year (from date of incident), as well as investigate the parent involved. Motion passed 7-0 with three abstentions (Mr. Glenn, Mr. Navarro and Mr. Cypert).

- V. Next meeting scheduled for June 6 at 5 pm EDT.
- VI. Mr. Cypert motioned to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Stout. Meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m. CDT.