

USA Roller Sports Annual Fall Board Meeting November 21 - 22, 2025

Executive Closed meeting held November 21, 2025. Meeting called to order at 8:35pm Central Time. Topics discussed: Financial update and report, updated KPIs, Nominating Committee report, Committee on Committee report, and sport committees.

Open session board attendance

- Stephen Carter
- Kelly Springer
- Scott Bartell
- Michelle Higby
- Erin Jackson (Absent - competing at World Cup)
- David Adamy
- Misty Greer
- Katelyn Rogers
- Joe Hanna
- Heidi Permatteo
- Bill Milhay (Absent)

Guest in attendance: Jody Harrah, Stanley Leibowitz, Fred Bergeron, Reggie Brown, Robin Pendergast, Patreze Willingham, Jeffrey Foster, Susan McElhiney, Nellie Anderson Lillie, Jazzmyn Foster, and John Hultquist.

A. Board Member Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM Central Time.

Roll call conducted. Present: Stephen Carter, Kelly Springer, Scott Bartell, Michelle Higby, David Adamy, Misty Greer, Katelyn Rogers, Joe Hanna, Heidi Permatteo. Absent: Erin Jackson (competing at World Cup) and Bill Milhay.

B. Rules of the Meeting

1. Ratify Spring Semiannual Webinar Meeting Minutes

Motion to ratify the spring board meeting minutes: Moved by David Adamy; Seconded by Stephen Carter. Passed unanimously.

2. Declare Conflicts of Interest

Stephen Carter disclosed conflict of interest (works for Roller Derby company).

C. Unfinished Business

Discussion on USARS Entry System: Presentation by Scott Bartell and Jody Harrah on new web-based entry system improving efficiency and accuracy. The system integrates with Sport80 and TabW, reducing paperwork and errors, and saving hours of work for meet directors and coaches. It ensures age-appropriate event entries and simplifies scratch forms for Nationals. Potential expansion to other disciplines discussed, with positive feedback from board members.

D. New Business

No new business items presented.

E. Reports

E1. President's Report by Heidi Permatteo

Heidi expressed gratitude for board support during her tenure and highlighted organizational achievements, including successful audits surpassing major NGBs and membership growth. She praised staff efficiency and shared plans for future governance enhancements.

E2. Executive Director's Report by Ricci Porter-Kmetz

Ricci emphasized compliance improvements, staff dedication despite limited resources, and progress in governance. She thanked the board and committees for their volunteer efforts and outlined plans for continued operational excellence.

F. Committee Reports

Artistic Sport Committee

Highlights: Increased participation at Nationals (+30 contestants), successful C Championship introducing 110 grassroots skaters, improved scheduling, and new officials training programs. Digital coach tests launching in December. International achievements include medals at Pan Am Games and World Championships. Officials Committee expanding with credentialing and scoring updates. Education initiatives include seminars and webinars for coaches and athletes.

Motion to update rules AD305YD to allow 2 minutes warm-up before scoring (Moved by David Adamy; Seconded by Joe Hanna). Passed unanimously

Motion to set creative solo show and duet programs to 2:15 and rename Open Youth Inline to OPEN Inline (Moved by Scott Bartell; Seconded by David Adamy). Passed unanimously

Motion to split women's bronze and silver loops into age categories (Moved by David Adamy; Seconded by Kelly Springer). Passed unanimously

Motion to accept Elite Youth and Adult Rulebook for 2025-26 season and add two working positions to Officials Committee (Moved by Scott Bartell; Seconded by Stephen Carter). Passed unanimously

Motion to approve officials committee recommendations including David Adamy as Meet Director for 2026 Nationals (Moved by Scott Bartell; Seconded by Joe Hanna). Passed unanimously

Motion to approve proposals for Officials Committee regarding C judges at regionals, scoring system updates, and website updates (Moved by Scott Bartell; Seconded by David Adamy). Passed unanimously

Motion to approve Artistic Sport Committee minutes (Moved by David Adamy; Seconded by Kelly Springer). Passed unanimously

Motion to accept Artistic rules for C events (Moved by David Adamy; Seconded by Scott Bartell). Passed unanimously

Cultural Committee

Chair Reggie Brown reported on progress in formalizing governance for culturally rooted skating styles. Achievements include hosting first national competition, testing rule formats, and launching online events to broaden participation. Challenges include balancing cultural authenticity with formal governance. Plans for 2026 include expanding membership, refining rulebook, and leveraging social media for outreach.

Rink Hockey Committee

Motion to approve Rink Hockey minutes (Moved by David Adamy; Seconded by Joe Hanna). Passed unanimously

Roller Derby Committee

Recap of Nationals and upcoming tryouts. Junior subcommittee launched with tournaments planned for 2026.

Motion to approve Roller Derby minutes (Moved by Scott Bartell; Seconded by Kelly Springer). Passed unanimously

Scooter Committee

No verbal report.

Motion to approve Scooter minutes (Moved by David Adamy; Seconded by Misty Greer). Passed unanimously

Speed Committee

Credentialed 13 new officials and upgraded 7. Hosted Legends Clinics and town halls for coaches. Developed One Lap Challenge program to boost grassroots participation.

Motion to approve rule modification SR390.1 allowing jewelry with safety conditions (Moved by Kelly Springer; Seconded by Scott Bartell). Passed unanimously

Motion to approve rule modification SR832 changing tiebreaker to middle race (Moved by David Adamy; Seconded by Joe Hanna). Passed unanimously

Motion to approve Speed Committee minutes (Moved by David Adamy; Seconded by Joe Hanna). Passed unanimously

Motion to accept Committee on Committees recommendations and continue search for additional athlete (Moved by Scott Bartell; Seconded by David Adamy). Passed unanimously

G. Standing Reports

Museum Report

Report given by Nellie Anderson Lillie. Considers Lincoln home. Thanked USA Roller Sports staff. Discussed annual fundraiser. President of the museum will be stepping down next year.

Foundation Report

Written report provided; highlights include scholarship programs and fundraising campaigns for athlete development.

H. Elections and Executive Committee Nominations

Coach's Rep: Tony Muse elected.

At-large Board Seat: Matthew Silvas elected.

President: Stephen Carter elected.

Vice President: Kelly Springer elected.

Chair of the Board: Scott Bartell elected.

Motions to approve Executive Committee nominations passed unanimously. Member of Executive Committee are: Stephen Carter, Kelly Springer, Scott Bartell, Misty Greer, and David Adamy.

Motion to allow Heidi Permatteo to retain access to WorldSkate and USOPC contacts with title to be determined (Moved by Scott Bartell; Seconded by Joe Hanna). Passed unanimously.

Motion to Enter Closed Session

Moved by David Adamy; Seconded by Misty Greer. Passed unanimously.

Additional Discussions

Governance challenges, appreciation for leadership, and plans for transition discussed. Board expressed gratitude for Heidi Permatteo's contributions and commitment to continuity in international relations.