



Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2026

Meeting Called to Order: Stacia Suttles, Athlete Advisory Council (AAC) Chairperson called the meeting to order at 12:35 pm MST. Suttles stated that in accordance with USOPC compliance at the beginning of each meeting disclose any perceived conflicts of interest. There were no perceived conflicts of interest

AAC Committee Members Present: Sa'Rai Brown-El, Alex Love, Lauren Migliacci, and Stacia Suttles. Absent: Danielle Perkins. A quorum was reached.

Staff Present: Mike McAtee, Executive Director and Stacy Arredondo, Program & Projects Specialist

The meeting addressed athlete representation within Team USA, selection-camp outcomes, committee appointment processes, and alumni engagement.

Suttles outlined the Team USA Athletes Commission role and her representation of USA Boxing stating that there is a representative from each sport. She described monthly meetings and a shared Slack channel for NGB athlete reps and confirmed she will distribute meeting notes and significant updates to USA Boxing's AAC. Suttles also reported that she attended the Athlete Selection Camp in Colorado Springs and gave an update on the process. The January 2026 selection camp was reviewed as a four-week program for national champions, runners-up, and pre-seeded team members featuring competitive test matches, focused coaching, and end-of-camp evaluations scored on performance and coachability. The committee noted improved staff structure and two-team selection opportunities.

Arredondo gave an overview of the AAC's responsibilities for approving athlete representatives on committees like the Nomination & Governance Committee, Ethics Committee etc. with a quad-based selection, recruitment challenges, and the need for conflict-of-interest forms from committee appointees. She also informed the committee that there is an AAC email address and a landing page on the USA Boxing website. Arredondo will forward any emails to Suttles.

The committee relayed concerns about perceived coaching favoritism and retaliation. Love requested the process for after action reviews and how they are disseminated as a means to clear communication to increase athlete confidence.

Migliacci asked if there could be a standard response when they get emails from athletes and McAtee stated that our Communications Department could work on that.

Suttles informed the committee of the Listening Survey, where the USOPC wants feedback from the athletes. Twenty of USA Boxing athletes were chosen to respond to this survey.

Love stated that she thought the committee should engage Alumni to become involved as volunteer coaches and officials. Love and Suttles will brainstorm alumni outreach ideas and coordinate a follow-up planning session to help expand USA Boxing's Alumni Association and meet this volunteer need for USA Boxing.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.