USA Surfing Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 28, 2026
Meeting Time: 10:00 AM EST
Meeting Location: Maine
Meeting Format: Vote Via Email
Meeting Type: Special

1. Call to Order

Time meeting was called to order:
Presiding officer: Rob Pendergist - Chairman

2. Roll Call / Attendance

Board Members Present:

Name	Type	Term
Robert Pendergist - Chairman	Independent	Ends 12/31/26
Laura Bren - Treasurer	Independent	Ends 12/31/26
Jeff Egertson	Independent	Ends 12/31/26
Dana Cummings	General – Para athlete	Ends 12/31/26
Kayla Durden	Independent	Ends 12/31/26
Kaleigh Gilchrist	Athlete	Ends 12/31/28
Brett Simpson	Athlete	Ends 12/31/26
Dan Ciscel	Independent	Ends 12/31/26
Liv Stone	General – Para athlete	Ends 12/31/26
Candice Appleby	Athlete	Ends 12/31/28
Kolohe Andino	Athlete	Ends 12/31/28
Kipling Sheppard	Independent	Ends 12/31/28

Guests/Staff Present:

Rebecca Fleischauer Jewell – CEO
Mia Gilkerson – Secretary

Quorum: YES Notes: 12/12 board members present and voting
Conflicts of Interest: YES Notes: No conflicts were declared

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: Robert Pendergist
Moved by: Laura Bren
Seconded by: N/A (vote conducted via email)
Outcome: Approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

N/A

5. Agenda

1. Resignation from the Independent Director position

Kip Sheppard has resigned from the Independent Director position on the Board. The resignation resolves a USOPC audit finding regarding the classification of the position under the independence standards in Section 6.7 of the Bylaws and USOPC Compliance Standard A.1 c.

The resignation affects the Board's composition. The Nominating and Governance Committee is addressing the resulting composition through its process, consistent with the requirements of Section 6.5 of the Bylaws. I will keep the Board informed as that work proceeds. This resignation will be recorded in the minutes of our next Board meeting.

2. Resignation from the Nominating and Governance Committee

Dan Ciscel has voluntarily resigned from the Nominating and Governance Committee. Section 8.17(b) of the Bylaws provides that current Directors do not serve on the Nominating and Governance Committee. This voluntary resignation brings the Committee's composition into conformity with that provision. Dan continues to serve as a Director on the Board.

3. Resignation from the Board Treasurer

Following the formal notice of resignation from our current Board Treasurer, Laura Bren. Laura Bren will remain an active member of the Finance & Audit Committee.

4. Nomination to serve as Board Treasurer

Action: The Board approved the nomination of Jeff Egertson to serve as Board Treasurer unanimously.

On behalf of Board Chair Rob Pendergist, Jeff Egertson was nominated to serve as the new Board Treasurer. Jeff brings significant expertise to this role, and we are confident in his ability to oversee our financial stewardship.

6. Follow-Up / Next Meeting

Date of Next Meeting: July 27, 2026
Time: 4:00pm PST / 7:00pm EST
Location: Virtual
Meeting Type: Regular

7. Adjournment

Meeting concluded following completion of the email vote. Final approval was confirmed on May 1, 2026.

Minutes Prepared by:
Name: Mia Gilkerson
Title: Secretary/ Membership & Athlete Specialist
Date: 5/15/2026
Approved by Board: July 27, 2026
Posted on Website: July 28, 2026