USA Surfing Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 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: 10:00 AM EST
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	General	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

Guests/Staff Present:

Greg Hulsizer – CEO
Mia Gilkerson – Secretary

Quorum: YES — Notes: 11/11 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: Agenda Approved

4. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

N/A

5. Agenda

1. **Appointment of Jeff Egertson to the Independent Director Position**

The Board appointed Jeff Egertson to the Independent Director position.

- CONSENT: 10
- DO NOT CONSENT: 0
- ABSTAIN: 0
- RECUSED: 1

The appointment is effective as of May 29, 2026, with Jeff Egertson's coordinated resignation from the General Director seat taking effect at the same moment. The Board's composition now reflects at least one-third of Independent Directors and a total of 11 members of the Board.

2. **Written Consent - Adoption of the Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP)**

The Board adopted the MAAPP approved by the U.S. Center for SafeSport.

- CONSENT: 11
- DO NOT CONSENT: 0
- ABSTAIN: 0
- RECUSED: 0

The MAAPP is effective as of June 1, 2026, Implementation will continue operationally with the staff and the SafeSport-compliance lead

3. **By-Laws Written Consent on Adoption of Amendment, Nominating & Governance Chair Section 8.17(a)(1) (NGC Chair)**

The Board adopted the amendment.

- CONSENT: 11
- DO NOT CONSENT: 0
- ABSTAIN: 0
- RECUSED: 0

The amendment is effective May 30, 2026. The amended bylaws will be updated accordingly.

All three written consents, including each director's reply, have been filed with the records of the Board's proceedings pursuant to Section 6.19 of the Bylaws.

4. **General Director Appointment - Appointment of General Director: Kip Sheppard**

The Board is asked to appoint Kip Sheppard to the vacant General Director seat, as recommended by the Nominating and Governance Committee. This appointment restores the Board to twelve directors.

- CONSENT: 11
- DO NOT CONSENT: 0
- ABSTAIN: 0
- RECUSED: 0

The appointment is effective as of May 29, 2026, with Kip Sheppard filling the General Director seat, to maintain twelve directors.

6. Follow-Up 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 June 1, 2026.

Minutes Prepared by:
Name: Mia Gilkerson
Title: Secretary/ Membership & Athlete Specialist
Date: 6/15/2026
Approved by Board: July 27, 2026
Posted on Website: July 28, 2026