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These minutes will be officially approved by the Metropolitan Swimming Board of Directors at its next meeting.

Metropolitan Swimming Board of Directors Minutes

September 9, 2025 / Virtual

CALL TO ORDER

David Rodriguez, called the September 9, 2025 Board of Directors meeting to order at 8:03 PM with the following members in attendance:

PRESENT

Chris Arena, Jennifer Bancroft, Dom Boccio, Jeff Chu, Kate Hallex, Zac Hojnacki, Annette Mackrel, Eddie Oyola, Phil Paspalas, Will Rankin, Diana Pimer Ross, David Rodriguez, Darryl Strabuk

ABSENT

Jonah Montgomery, Jamila Smith, Jaqueline Wong, John Yearwood

STAFF

Kimberly Wyer-Ferraris

GENERAL CHAIR

Mr. Rodriguez recited Mission and Vision statements.

MOTION: *To approve the meeting minutes from August 12, 2025 and the Agenda. Seconded.* **APPROVED.**

Consent Agenda

a. Committee Appointments
    i. Governance Committee - Will Rankin (athlete)
b. Proposals
    i. Metro P&P 302.3 - Distance Stipend
    ii. Athlete Awards
    iii. Jr Mets Proposal
    iv. Late Meet Sanctions

B-iii was pulled

MOTION: *Mr Rodriguez moved to approve letters A-i, B-i, B-ii, and B-iv of the Consent Agenda. Seconded.* **APPROVED.**

B-iii was discussed.

MOTION: *Mr Rodriguez moved to recommend B-iii. Seconded.* **APPROVED.**

Mr. Rodriguez requested Board members submit their reports ahead of the upcoming House of Delegates Meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE VICE CHAIR

Mr Boccio reported completing the Club Excellence applications with 3 teams being eligible during the extended application period (Asphalt Green Unified Aquatics, Badger Swim Club, and Long Island Aquatic Club). Mr. Boccio spoke about improving the forms used on the website, including post-competition reports.

FINANCE CHAIR

MOTION: *Mr Arena moved to accept the engagement letter from Grassi for financial services for fiscal year 25 to 2026. Seconded.* **APPROVED.**

Mr. Arena reported a current surplus expected to exceed $100,000. He then reviewed the budget in detail.

MOTION: *Mr Arena moved to recommend to the House of Delegates a reduction from our post-meet fee from 17.5% to 12.5%. Seconded.* **APPROVED.**

MOTION: *Mr Arena moved to recommend to the House of Delegates the budget as presented. Seconded.* **APPROVED.**

Mr. Rodriguez thanked Mr. Arena and the finance committee for their work preparing the budget.

COACHES REP

Mr. Hojnacki indicated that he plans to solicit nominations for the Coach of the Year Awards, and for awards to be decided by a vote at the House of Delegates Meeting, and to clarify how award recipients can receive their awards. He also plans to gauge the appetite for continuing membership with ASCA.

ATHLETES REP

Mr Rankin reported the Athletes Committee has been active on a number of items.

MOTION: *Mr Rankin moved to appoint B Lockwood to the Athletes Committee. Seconded.* **APPROVED.**

Mr. Rankin went on to discuss the athletes orientation to be held prior to the House of Delegates Meeting.

SECRETARIES

Ms. Mackrel requested Board members submit their reports early to give representatives time to review them before the meeting. Ms. Mackrel and Mr. Chu asked, and Ms. Ross indicated she would be willing to help with checking people in for the House of Delegates Meeting.

SENIOR CHAIRS

Ms Ross indicated that the Senior Chairs will check in with Technical Planning to finalize time standards for the Senior Championships. New cuts, with changes primarily to the men's events, have been drafted. Ms. Ross reported the need for a committee meeting to address the addition of 50's of stroke. Ms. Hallex indicated changes for both the upcoming Winter and Summer Senior Championships are included in the drafts.

AGE GROUP

Mr. Montgomery and Mr Yearwood were not present.

SAFE SPORT

Mr. Strabuk reported working on banners for teams completing the Safe Sport recognition program.

OPERATIONAL RISK

Mr. Paspalas reported forwarding report of occurrences to Mr. Rodriguez, and things have been quiet recently.

TECHNICAL PLANNING

Mr. Montgomery was excused and not present.

DDEI

Mr. Oyola reported attending a meeting with the Eastern Zone DEI chairs. He indicated he would draft a proposal to change the timeline for Outreach Splash Fee Reimbursements. Discussion on deadlines for reimbursements occurred.

MOTION: *Mr Rodriguez moved to approve a 60-day deadline for any meet fee reimbursements. Seconded.* **APPROVED.**

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Long Island Express requested to move their Last Chance meet one week earlier. Mr. Chu reported speaking with Mr. Travers from Boys and Girls Club, indicating they have no objection to the change. Mr. Wone asked for the rest of the week to consider the effects of the change. Mr. Rodriguez agreed.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board entered closed session to discuss an inquiry regarding a potential late meet bid.

ADJOURN

Mr. Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at 9:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jeff Chu /s/ Annette Mackrel
Secretary

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Attachment 1 Agenda