

These minutes will be officially approved by the Metropolitan Swimming Officials' Committee during the May 7, 2025, meeting.

Metropolitan Swimming Officials' Committee Minutes

February 5, 2025 / Virtual

CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Bancroft, Chair, called the February 5, 2025, Officials' Committee Meeting to order at 7:33 PM with the following members in attendance:

PRESENT

Jennifer Bancroft, Allen Wone, Andrew Kass, Ava St. Thomas, Darryl Strabuk, Ron Sommer,

ABSENT

Ann Fosteris, Dom Boccio, Tyler Gallub, Ryan Wagner, Wilhelmina Dwyer,

The consent agenda was presented with the following items and approved unanimously without discussion.

A-Agenda, November 13, 2024, minutes

B-Removal of Apprentice Official Membership Status

Official Chair

Ms. Bancroft reported that due to security updates initiated by USA Swimming, OTS access has been limited based on titles held within the LSC. The members of the Officials Committee who previously had OTS access will only have access to LSC Officials reporting. Ms. Bancroft requested that members of the Officials Committee submit how this limitation will impact their abilities to perform their committee duties.

Admin Vice Chair

No Present

Athlete Representatives

Not Present

Communication Coordinator

Ms. Bancroft stated that she had nothing to communicate at this time.

Education Coordinator

Ms. St. Thomas thanked the Committee, Meet Referees and Clubs for their recruitment of new officials. From the start of the short course season to today, the LSC has 90 new certified stroke and turn officials. She thanked the committee on the feedback provided on the Mentor and Deck Referee presentations



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HV North Coordinator

Mr. Sommer commented that Silver Championships were coming up right after Sr. Mets. Please consider staffing a session or two.

HV South Coordinator

Mr. Kass commented that he has been present at sessions at all the team hosted meets in his area, he is hosting a meet this week at YMID and could use help. He has been working with Ms. Bancroft and Mr. Strabuk on Senior Mets.

Manhattan Coordinator

Not Present

Nassau Coordinator

Mr. Strabuk reported on getting an understaffed meet staffed for during the MLK holiday weekend.

Suffolk Coordinator

Mr. Wone reported on the meets that were run in Suffolk County this weekend and the upcoming weekend.

Unfinished Business

Mr. Kass request guidance on a budget for 40+ years of officiating in the LSC. Mr. Sommer reported back on the official's name tag years of service project. Guidance was provided. Mr. Strabuk inquired about any Metro "officials bling". Ms. Bancroft reported a lack of bling and requested that committee members email with bling item requests, a bling order will then be placed and distributed to the Regional Coordinator, for distribution to the general official population.

New Business

No new business

ADJOURN

Mr. Kass made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. **APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jennifer Bancroft
Officials Chair

