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Metropolitan Swimming Officials' Committee Minutes

October 8, 2025 / Virtual

CALL TO ORDER

Jennifer Bancroft, Chair, called the October 8, 2025, Officials' Committee Meeting to order at 7:33pm with the following members in attendance:

PRESENT

Jennifer Bancroft, Allen Wone, Andrew Kass, Ava St. Thomas, Darryl Stabuk, Dom Boccio, Ron Sommer, Tyler Gallub, Wilhelmina Dwyer

ABSENT

Ann Fosteris, Ryan Wagner

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

A-Agenda, May 7, 2025 minutes

Official Chair

Ms. Bancroft reported that it was a busy summer for Metro Officials, with members working at meets across the country, including in California and Florida. She noted that recruitment at the club level continues to go well, with a steady stream of new officials registering with the LSC and many established officials advancing to Starter, Administrative Official, and Referee positions.

Admin Vice Chair

Nothing reported

Athlete Representatives

Nothing reported

Communication Coordinator

Ms. Bancroft reported that Ms. St. Thomas suggested distributing a monthly email recognizing all newly certified Stroke and Turn Officials. The recognition will be sent as a stand-alone communication beginning in November.

Education Coordinator

Ms. St. Thomas informed the committee that twelve (12) parents attended the September Becoming a Metro Official clinic and have begun the apprentice process. She also noted that four (4) additional



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Ms. St. Thomas thanked the committee members who provided feedback on the Chief Judge Informational Session slides that were circulated for review. All feedback was incorporated into the final presentation deck, which has been distributed to the committee. The first informational session is scheduled for October 23, and Ms. Bancroft requested that any committee members who are available plan to attend.

HV North Coordinator

Mr. Sommer reported that he served as the Meet Referee for the Senior Zones Meet held in Buffalo in August. He added that he is looking forward to the start of the short course season.

HV South Coordinator

Mr. Kass reported that he will be serving as Meet Referee for an upcoming meet this weekend at the White Plains YWCA. He noted that four apprentice officials are expected to attend. Mr. Kass added that he anticipates a busy few months, as he will also be covering meets for two additional clubs.

New York City Coordinator

Ms. Fosteris provided a report, read by Ms. Bancroft, stating that her goals for the season are to mentor officials and support their advancement to higher certification levels.

Nassau Coordinator

Nothing reported

Suffolk Coordinator

Mr. Wone reported that he served as the Meet Referee at the Metropolitan Senior Championship, and subsequently traveled to Florida to work as a chief judge at the Southern Age Group Zones.

Unfinished Business

Ms. Bancroft informed the committee that the November 5, 2025, meeting will be held as a working session. During this session, the committee will develop a recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding the proposed LSC Chief Judge certification.

Mr. Kass inquired about the committee's recommendation to remove the 60-Day Apprentice Official membership. Ms. Bancroft stated that this item will also be addressed during the November 5 working session.



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New Business

Ms. Bancroft noted the need for the committee to determine the Meet Referee for the Metropolitan Senior Championship Short Course Meet. She clarified that the selection at this time pertains only to the short course championship and not the long course championship. The results of the committee ranking survey were shared.

MOTION: *Mr. Kass motioned to enter executive session. Seconded. APPROVED.*

The Committee entered executive session at 8:00 and returned from executive session at 8:05.

MOTION: *Mr. Strabuk motioned to recommend Joshua Miller as the Meet Referee for the Short Course Metropolitan Senior Championship. Seconded. APPROVED.*

Ms. Bancroft said she would notify Mr. Miller of the Committee's decision.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12pm.

Respectfully submitted,
/s/ Jennifer Bancroft
Officials Chair

