

**KYLSC Board of Directors Meeting
June 17, 2025, 7:30PM (EDT) – Zoom Call**

PURPOSE – MISSION

The objectives and primary purpose of Kentucky Swimming shall be the education, instruction, and training of individuals to develop and improve their capabilities in the sport of swimming.

VISION

To provide a safe and healthy environment, encompassing all backgrounds and abilities that create a tradition of excellence in the sport of swimming.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Joseph Phillips	General Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Mike Essig	Administrative Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amy Albiero	Program Development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Colin Faris	Senior Vice-Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nick Graves	Age Group Vice-Chair	<input type="checkbox"/>	Caty Flikkema	Coach Representative
<input type="checkbox"/>	JJ Rodgers	Finance Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brent Runkle	Governance Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Terri Tonges	Technical Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kris Humphries	Records Chair
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jason Brown	Officials Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Helen Glish	DEI
<input type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Ryan	Open Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marcelo Acosta	Safe Sport Coordinator
<input type="checkbox"/>	Sara Smith	At-Large	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chris Fay	At-Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mia Clark	Athlete Rep. - PARA	<input type="checkbox"/>		Athlete Rep. - Junior
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jacob Phillips	Athlete Rep. Senior	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ruth Ann Bode	Athlete Engagement

Joseph Phillips, General Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:33PM.

Agenda: Jason Brown motioned/Helen Glish seconded/approved to accept June 17, 2025, Agenda.

April 30, 2025, BOD Meeting Minutes: Jason Brown motioned/Ruth Ann Bode seconded/approved April 30, 2025 BOD meeting minute as submitted.

Budget through June 2025: see attached

John Brucato Legacy Award: Nick Graves gave the board background information about John Brucato, a long-time KY Swimming member, who is battling ALS.

Nick described how John has impacted Kentucky Swimming. He was a coach with Wildcat Aquatics for close to 20 years., was an assistant coach at the University of Kentucky and was the inaugural coach for Bellarmine University's swim program. He positively impacted thousands of athletes.

John, from the age of fourteen on, logged how many miles he ran each day, how many miles he biked each day, daily weather conditions, and how he was feeling. He journaled everything. He was one of the healthiest and happiest people known. With his positivity, he was an inspiration as he battled ALS. He even logged his miles in his electric chair.

Nick is interested in creating a new LSC character award to recognize John's positive impact. Jared Heisel, a former age group coach at Wildcat Aquatics, is offering to sponsor the award for the first four years. The award could be given to any member of Kentucky Swimming who embodies John's qualities: the zeal for life, the investment in others, the positive nature and general caring. Colin Faris and Nick will work on developing the award criteria and presentation details.

Nick Graves motioned/Colin Faris seconded/approved of creating a John Brucato Legacy Award.

2026 Long Course Championship Meet: Jason Brown motioned/Helen Glish seconded/July 16-18, 2026.

Fall KYLSC House of Delegates: Kevin Ryan is planning an open water clinic and competition for the afternoon of HoD. Amy Albiero will plan a 12&Under clinic.

Mia Clark discussed the lack of participation with the KYLSC Athlete Representatives at the S Zone level.

2025 Open Water Championship: Ruth Ann reported that 24 officials have volunteered to officiate. That is a little low for what is needed. Planning is on schedule. Safety plan and staff are good to go. Technical Meeting – June 25.

2025 Long Course Championships: Jason Brown reported that the facility is being prepared for the meet. There will be a coach Zoom meeting on July 16th or 17th. The meet is approved for OQM. Jason is meet referee for 12&Under and 13&Over sessions.

USAS Club Fees: USA Swimming increased club membership fees from \$80 to \$225 per club. New club membership is \$750. It was suggested that Kentucky Swimming could subsidize the new club fee.

USAS Summit and Annual Business Meeting - September 24-27: For voting delegates, KY Swimming needs (1) non-athlete non-coach member and (3) non-athlete coach members. Lynette Hudnell is participating in the women in governance clinic and will be attending the summit and annual business meeting in person. Jacob Phillips will attend as an athlete representative. Joseph will attend as General Chair. Nick Graves will attend virtually as a coach voting delegate.

Athlete Representative - Mia Clark: Asked that the athlete representative list be updated.

Officials Chair: Jason Brown reported that for summer, which is usually a slow time, the LSC has several new officials going through the Apprentice Official process.

Governance Chair: Brent Runkle reported that all board members starting their second term are interested in staying in their position. The Governance-Nominating Committee is searching for candidates to fill the General Chair and Age Group Vice-Chair positions.

DEI: Helen Glish reported that May started with the Bill Keating Para meet in Cincinnati, over Mother's Day weekend. Kentucky had several swimmers participating, which was wonderful to see. From there, a question has arisen - Who / What team, can host a long course meet late fall, or early 2026? This would be a regular meet but would allow Para Athletes the opportunity to train/race long course. All Para meets are run long course. Para Nationals will be in Boise Idaho, June 20 - 22, 2025. Mia Clark and Grey Rutledge will be participating. As we move forward to the State meet in July, there will be para-athletes participating. Please keep in mind you can only judge what exists, and if unsure, ask questions. Helen reminded coaches to complete and submit the SWAD forms as they are crucial in terms of a swimmer's accommodations, be it hard of hearing to limb deficiencies - the range is wide.

Technical Planning: Terri Tonges motioned/Nick Graves/approved moving the 50 BR 11-12 and 10&Under from Saturday to Sunday, after the 50 FR.

Next Meeting: August 5, 2025

Meeting Adjourned: Brent Runkle motioned/Colin Faris seconded/approved 8:26PM EDT