

MINUTES
UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DALLAS, TEXAS
FEBRUARY 9, 2024
8:00 A.M. CENTRAL TIME

PRESENT: Chris Ahrens, Nelson Akwari, JT Batson, Jessica Berman, Sean Boyle, Lisa Carnoy, John Collins, Cindy Cone, Mike Cullina, Don Garber, Richard Groff, Michael Karon, Cassidy Leake, Lori Lindsey, Todd Lockhart, Garrison Mason, John Motta, Danielle Slaton, Todd Lockhart, Bill Taylor, Juan Uro, Dr. Pete Zopfi

REGRETS: Whitney Engen

IN ATTENDANCE: Chelle Adams, Neil Buethe, Leah Burton, Rahul Chandhok, Matt Crocker, Molly Dwyer, Abe Geiger, Andrea Grigg, Michael Lazar, Jeff L'Hote, Alison Kocoras, Ann Seeney, Shari Summers, Mary Teeter, David Wright, Greg Fike, Alison Kocoras

Cindy Cone called the meeting to order at 8:03 am CT.

Roll call was conducted visually and Greg Fike announced that quorum was present.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The meeting began with a request for disclosure of any additional conflicts of interest. There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from the meeting on December 7, 2023. It was **MOVED** to approve the minutes. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED** by unanimous consent.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND FEDERATION HIGHLIGHTS

President Cone and members of the Board presented high-level updates of programs, events, and growth across the soccer ecosystem in 2023.

Several presenters provided updates on U.S. Soccer's progress on its "Grow the Game" pillar. John Motta provided an update on USASA. Michael Karon gave an update on AYSO. Michael Cullina gave an update on US Club Soccer. Todd Lockhart gave an update on USYS. Garrison Mason provided an update on USL. Jessica Berman gave an update on NWSL. Don Garber provided an update on MLS. John Collins gave an update on other U.S. Soccer members.

Shari Summers provided an update on U.S. Soccer's "Foster Best Playing Environments" pillar, including the safe soccer clearance program and formation of a referee abuse prevention working group. It was **MOVED** to approve the members of this group. The motion **PASSED** by unanimous consent.

Matt Crocker gave an update on the "Developing Winning Teams" pillar. Matt mentioned the success of the U-17 WNT in the CONCACAF women's championship and provided updates on Women's National Team and Men's National Team programming.



COMMERCIAL UPDATE

David Wright provided an overview of partnership, media, and consumer product ventures and summarized U.S. Soccer's FY 2024 commercial growth and performance.

NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER

Mr. Batson provided updates on the development of the National Training Center.

FUTURE MEETINGS

Cindy Cone provided an update on future meetings.

Cindy thanked four board members who after the National Council meeting who will be leaving the board: Richard Groff, Garrison Mason, Bill Taylor, and Lisa Carnoy.

(At this point, the Board went into an executive session. The minutes for that session are contained in a separate document.)

The Board adjourned at 1:22 p.m. CT.

