# MINUTES UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING VIDEO CONFERENCE MAY 5, 2023

# 10:00 A.M. CENTRAL TIME

**PRESENT:** Chris Ahrens, JT Batson, Jessica Berman(Remote), Sean Boyle, Lisa Carnoy, John Collins(Remote), Cindy Cone, Mike Cullina, Don Garber(Remote), Richard Groff, Patti Hart(Remote), Michael Karon(Remote), Cassidy Leake, Todd Lockhart(Remote), Garrison Mason(Remote), Oguchi Onyewu, Danielle Slaton(Remote), Bill Taylor, Juan Uro(Remote), Dr. Pete Zopfi(Remote).

**REGRETS:** John Motta, Lori Lindsey,

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Nelson Akwari, Nicole Barnhart (Remote), Kay Bradley(Remote), Neal Buethe, Rahul Chandhok, Molly Dwyer, Greg Fike, Kate Markgraf, Mel Radke, Pinky Raina, Alidu Salifu, Ann Seeney, Mana Shim(Remote), Mary Teeter, Tim Vernon, David Wright.

Cindy Cone called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Greg Fike took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no conflicts of interest disclosed.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

At this time, the Board reviewed the minutes from meeting on March 17, 2023. It was **MOVED** to approve the minutes. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED** by unanimous consent.

#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND CEO'S REPORT

Ms. Cone gave the President's Report and JT Batson gave the CEO's Report.

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Pinky Raina provided an overview of the financial performance for the fiscal year 2023 and highlighted key drivers influencing the results.

#### **SPORTING UPDATE**

Kate Markgraf presented a comprehensive update on the team's preparations for the FIFA Women's World Cup. JT Batson reported on noteworthy achievements of the Extended National Teams (ENTs), Youth National Teams (YNTs), and Men's National Teams (MNTs). Additionally, an official announcement was made regarding the commencement of the search for the next coach of the United States Men's National Team (USMNT).

# **SAFEGUARDING STATUS UPDATE**

Mana Shim provided updates on the organization's efforts to promote safe sport practices and educate members on Capitol Hill regarding the issues related to SafeSport. Ms. Shim also reported on the progress of the Safe Soccer Clearance program.

# **COMMERCIAL UPDATE**

David Wright presented the targeted approach adopted by the commercial team in establishing partnerships, emphasizing the achievement of a 100% partner retention rate. Don Garber offered feedback on the U.S. Open Cup's quality, while Kay Bradley discussed the ongoing 'Always Possible Campaign

## **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

Mary Teeter provided an update on accelerated giving areas, highlighting the activities and areas of focus.

# **INNOVATE TO GROW UPDATE**

Mel Radke delivered updates on the grant cycle for 2022-2023.

# **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Ms. Cone provided an update on future meetings.

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

The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.