

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**VIDEO CONFERENCE**  
**MARCH 22, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M. CENTRAL TIME**

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**PRESENT:** Chris Ahrens, Lisa Baird, Carlos Bocanegra, Lisa Carnoy, Cindy Cone, Carlos Cordeiro, Mike Cullina, Don Garber, Patti Hart, Lori Lindsey, Richard Moeller, John Motta, Bill Taylor, Tim Turney, Dr. Pete Zopfi, Will Wilson

**REGRETS:** Juan Uro

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Neil Buethe, Greg Fike, Leah Holt, Karen Leetzow, Helen Syreggelas

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Cindy Cone called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Helen Syreggelas took roll call and announced that a quorum was present.

Ms. Cone began by asking about any conflicts of interest. Don Garber asked if SUM being named in the Hope Solo matter constituted a conflict. Greg Fike noted that it did not present a conflict as it related to the update and that he would let Mr. Garber know if he should recuse himself.

**GOVERNANCE ASSEMBLY TASK FORCE PROPOSAL**

Ms. Cone reviewed the request from the members for a National Council meeting in May to put together a special task force to develop a consensus on the amendments to the Federation Bylaws and Policies. Mr. Fike gave the Board an overview of the request submitted by Dave Guthrie on March 8, 2021 requesting a meeting on May 15, 2021. Mr. Fike noted that 105 organization members signed the request, along with three Board members.

Mr. Fike reviewed the New York non-profit law and our Bylaws, noting that the request was not proper under the law or the Federation's Bylaws. Mr. Fike apprised the Board that the USOPC would not be changing its final deadline of December 31, 2021 to come into compliance with the 1/3 athlete requirements. The Board discussed the matter further.

Ms. Cone reviewed the task force proposal and provided the Board with a suggested task force that would meet three times. Any Bylaw proposals would be submitted prior to May 20, 2021 to be included in the extraordinary National Council meeting on September 25, 2021. Discussion ensued regarding the proposal.

It was **MOVED** to approve the appointment of a governance task force appointed by the President, subject to discussion and changes based on feedback from membership. The motion was seconded and was **APPROVED** by a majority vote.

*(At this point, the meeting moved into Executive Session.)*

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

