

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**TORONTO, CANADA**  
**DECEMBER 10, 2017**  
**10:00 A.M.**

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**PRESENT:** Sunil Gulati, Dan Flynn, Carlos Cordeiro, Val Ackerman, Chris Ahrens, Carlos Bocanegra, Lisa Carnoy, John Collins, Dr. S. Robert Contiguglia, Don Garber, Jesse Harrell Steve Malik, Richard Moeller, John Motta, Donna Shalala, Tim Turney

**BY PHONE:** Angela Hucles

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jay Berhalter, Brian Remedi, Eric Gleason, Lydia Wahlke, Greg Fike, Ryan Mooney, Kay Bradley, Ross Moses, John Kristick, Ed Foster-Simeon, Amanda Duffy, Rishi Sehgal

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Sunil Gulati called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the Board meeting of September 1, 2017 in Jersey City, New Jersey. The minutes were **APPROVED**.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

John Kristick provided an update to the Board on the 2026 World Cup bid. Ed Foster-Simeon provided an update to the Board on the activities of the U.S. Soccer Foundation.

**CEO/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT**

Dan Flynn reviewed U.S. Soccer's vision statement that begins all U.S. Soccer presentations. Mr. Flynn provided a broad overview and update of business operations. Eric Gleason provided an update on current year to date FY2018 financials. Carlos Cordeiro and Mr. Gleason presented the proposed budget for FY2019. The Board discussed the Budget and Finance Committee process. Jay Berhalter provided an operating update to the board including the spending plans in the future. Kay Bradley updated the Board on current plans around the 2019 Women's World Cup. Ryan Mooney provided the Board with an update on the current sports development. Ross Moses updated the Board on analytics for U.S. Soccer. Brian Remedi provided an update to the Board on fundraising.

It was **MOVED** to adopt the proposed budget for FY2019. The Board discussed the proposed budget. The motion **PASSED**.

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



### **PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE TASK FORCE**

Mr. Gulati informed the Board that Carlos Cordeiro resigned from the Professional League Task Force. He proposed that Lisa Carnoy be added to the Professional League Task Force. It was **MOVED** to approve the appointment of Ms. Carnoy to the Professional League Task Force. The motion **PASSED**.

### **2018 AGM**

Mr. Flynn updated the Board on details of the 2018 AGM.

### **2019 AGM LOCATION**

The Board approved Phoenix, Arizona as the location for the 2019 AGM.

### **INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR UPDATE**

Mr. Gulati updated the Board on the search for an independent director to replace Donna Shalala who is in her last term.

### **POLICY AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE**

Greg Fike presented various clean up policy amendments proposed by the Rules Committee to bring the policies in line with the new Bylaws. It was **MOVED** to adopt the various policies. The motion **PASSED**.

### **AMENDMENT TO POLICY 213**

John Motta indicated that the policy amendment was still awaiting input from the Rules Committee and would be withdrawn from this meeting.

### **SAFESPORT LEGISLATION UPDATE**

Mr. Fike updated the Board on the SafeSport legislation currently being considered by Congress.

### **TAX REFORM LEGISLATION UPDATE**

Lydia Wahlke updated the Board on the tax reform legislation recently passed by Congress and its impact on U.S. Soccer.

### **ANFEEU MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Mr. Fike informed the Board that the Rules Committee was reviewing the membership application and was planning on providing feedback to the applicant.

### **NWSL UPDATE**

Amanda Duffy updated the Board on NWSL.

### **PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL VOTING DISTRIBUTION**

Mr. Gulati provided background on the Professional Council voting distribution. Rishi Sehgal briefed the Board on NASL's proposal for distribution. The Board indicated that it would take up the matter after further review at the next Board meeting.

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The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

