

**MINUTES**  
**UNITED STATES SOCCER FEDERATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**NEW YORK, NEW YORK**  
**JANUARY 14, 2018**  
**12:00 P.M.**

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**PRESENT:** Sunil Gulati, Dan Flynn, Val Ackerman, Lisa Carnoy, John Collins, Jesse Harrell, John Motta, Donna Shalala, Tim Turney

**BY PHONE:** Chris Ahrens, Carlos Bocanegra (joined during Executive Session), Dr. S. Robert Contiguglia, Carlos Cordeiro, Don Garber, Angela Hucles, Richard Moeller

**REGRETS:** Steve Malik

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jay Berhalter, Brian Remedi, Eric Gleason, Lydia Wahlke, Greg Fike, Ryan Mooney

**ADDITIONAL GUESTS:** Rishi Sehgal, Tom Fraehmke, David Kilpatrick, Dennis Crowley, Chris Kivlehan, Eric Stover, John Frusciante, Jonathan Parry, Travis Lemprecht, Jack Gaeta, Ricardo Verdesoto, Mauricio Villarreal, Linda Villarreal

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Sunil Gulati called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

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

**CEO/SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT**

Dan Flynn and Lydia Wahlke updated the Board on the status of the Hall of Fame and contract negotiations to date. The Board discussed the Hall of Fame. Eric Gleason provided the Board with an update on the year to date financials for U.S. Soccer.

**BOARD COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Mr. Gleason updated the Board on the recent Investment Committee meeting.

**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. The Board discussed the issue and requested that the independent director search not be finalized until after the election of a new President.

**AMENDMENT TO POLICY 213**

Mr. Fike reviewed proposed edits to Policy 213 from the Rules Committee. John Motta indicated that he was okay with the edits proposed by the Rules Committee. The Board discussed the proposal and requested that John Collins and Jesse Harrell work with John Motta on the policy.

**SAFESPORT LEGISLATION UPDATE**

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



### **BOUNDARY CHANGE REQUEST**

Mr. Gulati provided a brief overview of the boundary change requested by Maryland Youth Soccer. It was **MOVED** to appoint a panel of the John Collins, Richard Moeller, and Carlos Bocanegra to hold a hearing on the matter. The motion **PASSED**.

### **INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Wahlke updated the Board on the draft charter for the Independent Ethics Committee. She informed the Board that the draft would be circulated before the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

### **PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION UPDATE**

Ms. Wahlke provided an update on the presidential election process. She informed the Board that U.S. Soccer staff is focused on neutrality, consistent communication, facilitation, and education. Ms. Wahlke identified Plante Moran as the independent election monitor retained by U.S. Soccer to provide an additional layer of oversight. She also provided the Board with a summary of actions related to the election taken to date.

### **PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL VOTING DISTRIBUTION**

Mr. Gulati and Greg Fike provided background on the Professional Council voting distribution. Don Garber addressed the Board regarding the Pro Council proposed distribution. Rishi Sehgal addressed the Board regarding NASL's proposal for distribution.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

