

Board Meeting Minutes

Emergency Meeting

USA Fencing Board of Directors

Friday, December 22, 2023 at 12:00PM (MT) – Via Zoom

I. Call to Order

Present: Donald Alperstein, David Arias, Emily Bian, Ben Bratton, Peter Burchard, Lauryn Deluca, Kat Holmes, Darryl Jacobs, Selina Kaing, Damien Lehfeltdt, Amanda Nguyen, Nzingha Prescod, Abdel Salem, Peter Barton (Parliamentarian).

Absent: Aimee Rice and Mike Joo.

Aimee Rice as a voting member submitted a written waiver of her right to be present at the meeting.

USA Fencing Staff: Phil Andrews, Christina Pachuta, Bryan Wendell, and Stephen Hess (General Counsel).

II. New Business

MOTION 1 (Mr. Arias): To appoint David Arias to preside over this meeting only per Section 7.20 of the USA Fencing Bylaws.

Second: Damien Lehfeltdt

Result: Passed by voice vote

MOTION 2 (Mr. Arias): To call for an emergency meeting per Section 7.12 of the USA Fencing bylaws.

Second: Damien Lehfeltdt

Result: Passed by voice vote

Motion to move to Executive Session (Mr. Arias)

Second: Damien Lehfeltdt

Result: Passed by voice vote

Moved to executive session at approximately 12:10pm MT.

Returned From Executive Session at approximately 12:35pm MT.

MOTION 3 (Mr. Arias): To call for an election for the position of Chair of the USA Fencing Board of Directors.

Eligible individuals will include Mr. Arias, Mr. Lehfeldt, Mr. Burchard, and Mr. Salem.

The following nominations were made:

- David Arias is nominated by Kat Holmes
- Damien Lehfeldt submitted a self nomination

Board members were asked to submit their votes via email to Christina Pachuta (Board Secretary), Peter Barton (Board Parliamentarian), and Stephen Hess (USA Fencing General Counsel) within 1 hour to mean no later than 1:40pm MT on Friday, December 22, 2023.

Result: David Arias is elected Board Chair with the following results: 6 votes for David Arias, 2 votes for Damien Lehfeldt, 1 Abstention, and 1 vote received after voting had expired.

Motion to Adjourn (Mr. Arias)

Result: Passed by voice vote