

## **USA Badminton Special Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** May 28, 2025

**Time:** 5:10 PM – 6:24 PM Pacific Time

**Location:** Virtual

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM Pacific Time by the Chair.

### **2. Roll Call**

#### **Board Members Present:**

- Ben Apple , Nibu Paul, Pavan Vedere, Paula Lynn O. Hok (joined at 5:44 PM), Philip, Varghese, Sudhir Kondisetty, Ken Wong

#### **Board Members Absent Excused:**

- Beiwen Zhang, Eva Lee, Iris Wang, Patty Pflaging

#### **Staff Present:**

- John Ruger, Interim CEO

#### **Outside Counsel Present:**

- Leah Bernhard, Howard Jacobs

### **3. Conflicts of Interest**

No conflicts of interest were disclosed.

### **4. Waiver of Notice**

The Board unanimously agreed to waive the 30-day notice requirement for the meeting.

### **5. Executive Session**

The Board entered into executive session at 5:15 PM and returned to open session at 6:23 PM.

During the executive session:

- Interim CEO John Ruger provided an update regarding a letter received from the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee (USOPC). The letter stated that the Compliance Review Group (CRG) has concluded that USA Badminton (USAB) has not fulfilled all requirements set by the USOPC. The letter requested that USAB submit a letter relinquishing its National Governing Body (NGB) status.
- The Board received legal guidance and feedback from outside counsel regarding this matter.

- The Board determined that an announcement would be made to the USAB membership, informing them that the Board is reviewing the situation and considering next steps.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM Pacific Time.