



MINUTES

Georgia Soccer Board of Directors Meeting June 1, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. [May Board Meeting] Virtual

- I. **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order by President Neil McNab at 7:01 p.m.
- II. **BOD Attendance:**
 - A. **Voting Members Present:** Neil McNab, Karon Beyer, David Miles, Tommy Zavieh, Geriano Viveros, Melissa Camp, Tony Lamb, Matt Dismar, Walter Martinez
 - B. **Non-Voting Members Present:** Leigh Jakes, Dave Edwards, Jim Walker (Executive Director)
 - C. **Guests Present:** Richy Serota
 - D. **Members Not Present:** Sam Zebarjadi, Donald Barksdale, AJ Hurst
- III. **Correspondence:** None.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** Motion to Accept was made by Karon with a second from Matt. Unanimously approved by the board.
 - A. Approval of Minutes (April 27, 2026)
 - B. Approval of Financials (April, 2026)
- V. **Items Not on Consent Agenda:**
 - A. Jim provided brief updates on Youth State Cup, teams bound for Presidents Cup Regionals and National Championships Nationals, Adult State Cup, Adult Regionals and Regional Meetings in Nashville the week before, Atlanta Insiders, National One, Future State, and Member Meetings the following two days.
 - B. Melissa advised that she attended the ODP Summit at Fox Hall Resort, noting that the event was tremendous and recommended other events at that venue in the future. Melissa also indicated that there was talk about clubs/teams being accepted into National One and that this claim was being used to induce other clubs/teams to join N1.
 - C. David advised that he had heard complaints about SCCL and other clubs using coaching education as a means of recruiting people to their clubs and otherwise promoting their club to participating coaches. Jim advised that he had spoken to Kostas about this issue and then Kostas had reached out to all coach educators to remind them that such behavior would not be tolerated, while also noting that educators should not even be wearing club attire during such training sessions. David sought guidance on how to respond to coaches that were looking for coaching opportunities with clubs so as not to be promoting one club over another. David also indicated that he witnessed two adults that were yelling at a younger female referee at a recent high school game and wanted guidance on the role of the board in such situations. The board advised David that the board may step into such situations and that the additional filing of a report to the governing entity (USYS/GSSA, US Club, GAHS, etc.) was also appropriate.
 - D. Karon noted that it had been an exciting month of activity with Adult State Cup, Regionals, and Region III meetings. She thanked Cristina, Jim, and Richy for their presence and efforts at Adult State Cup, noting that the GSSA presence was appreciated by the players and help bring more awareness to the adult game and the demonstrated support for the adults was appreciated by the clubs. Karon also noted that Walter, Gerry, and Don were rock stars at State Cup as well. Karon updated folks on Regional results, advising that Terminus played well at Regionals but unfortunately did not advance to the Championship match (which was won 1-0

- by NC over AR). Karon also noted that she and Jim attended the Region III workshop in Murfreesboro which was a great success.
- E. Dave and Richy advised that Sunday was the annual referee workshop at the GSSA offices which was slated to focus on what the SRC and GSSA can do better for the referee world. He also noted that they were finalizing their work with The Collective Global and also had fitness professionals that were working with referees.

VI. Good of the Game:

- A. Jim advised that there was a USMNT game watch party on Saturday against Germany in Lawrenceville and that additional watch parties were scheduled for World Cup Group Stage games on June 12 (Marietta), June 19 (Milton), and June 25 (Decatur). Jim noted that Atlanta Insiders has been a massive success!
- B. Neil noted that we had member meetings scheduled with US Soccer at the National Training Center on June 2 and 3.
- C. Melissa advised that she was excited to announce that she was expecting a grandson in the coming months so another soccer player would be joining their family in the near future.
- D. Excellent win for the USMNT against Senegal!
- E. Uzbekistan is coming to Atlanta as their home base for World Cup training.

VII. Executive Session: None.

- VIII. Adjournment:** Melissa made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Karon at 7:41 p.m. It was subsequently determined that the next board meeting with normal business operations will be June 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.