



MINUTES

Georgia Soccer Board of Directors Meeting August 8, 2026 at 7:30 a.m. IN-PERSON

- 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, David Miles, Tommy Zavieh, Geriano Viveros, Melissa Camp, Matt Dismar, Sam Zebarjadi, Karon Beyer, Tony Lamb, Donald Barksdale, Walter Martinez
 - B. **Non-Voting Members Present:** Leigh Jakes, Dave Edwards, Jim Walker (Executive Director)
 - C. **Guests Present:** Richy Serota, Cristina Coca
 - D. **Members Not Present:** AJ Hurst
- III. **Correspondence:** None.
- IV. **Consent Agenda:** None.
- V. **Items Not on Consent Agenda:**
 - A. Jim provided a "Run of Show" update on how the SAGM would operate and the time frame anticipated for each of the various events on that day's calendar.
 - B. Cristina provided an update on the Credentials and voting format, noting that Kim would not be present due to illness so she would be handling those aspects of the meetings.
 - C. Discussion occurred regarding the six clubs that had submitted, in whole or in part, applications for membership with GSSA. Following discussion, it was determined that the Board would recommend approval to the membership for the following clubs: Path Academy FC, Pike County Rec Soccer, Rabun FC, and North GA Athletic Foundation. The board decided against recommendation for Rayados Hazelhurst and South Fulton Oasis FC. The board also recommended that conversations occur with both Rayados and South Fulton ahead of the SAGM to advise them of the board's decision and inquire about a possible withdrawal of their membership application ahead of an SAGM vote by membership. [Jim later spoke with Rayados on this topic, and Neil spoke with South Fulton Oasis. South Fulton Oasis did subsequently decide to withdraw their application and to supplement it with the missing documentation for future consideration by the board and membership.]
- VI. **Good of the Game:**
 - A. Unanimous conclusion that the National Training Center was an excellent choice for the SAGM. Much appreciation provided to Cristina for her efforts in this regard and to US Soccer for allowing GSSA this opportunity.
 - B. Richy expressed his appreciation to all board members, staff, and SRC of GSSA, as he assumes his new employment with US Soccer.
 - C. Dave Edwards noted that referees have been working well with new courses and training sessions.
- VII. **Executive Session:** None.
- VIII. **Adjournment:** David M made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Karon at 8:24 a.m. A decision on the possibility of another August board meeting would be determined after the SAGM, otherwise the next board meeting with normal business operations will be virtual on September 28 at 7:00 p.m. [It was later determined that the SAGM board meeting would serve as the sole August board meeting.]